



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Second Sunday in Lent*

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist

March 1, 2026

Andrew Morris, organist

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**Friendship Pads:** Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

**Cards of Encouragement:** Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate and we will send them out in the mail.

### Introit

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
PASSION CHORALE

Chancel Choir  
Adrian Hartsough, director

### Call to Worship

One: If you need good news,

**All: Settle into this space. We have good news to share.**

One: If you need a word of hope,

**All: Then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.**

One: If you need a glimmer of joy,

**All: Then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.**

One: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

**All: Then know that this is God's house.**

One: This is the good news of the gospel.

**All: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!**

### \* Hymn of Praise

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*  
GERMANY

**Glory to God #343**

### \* Call To Confession

Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist

One: Friends, we are like the disciples. The day that Jesus fed 5,000, his disciples could not imagine a solution to the crowd's hunger. They told Jesus to send the crowds away. We often do the same. Like the disciples, we try to follow Jesus around, but when we run into issues, we often cannot imagine how we could play a part. That is why we need the Prayer of Confession. For in this prayer, we remember that we can make a difference. So, friends, join me in this moment of truth telling. Join me in prayer:

### \* Prayer of Confession

Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist

**Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. 5,000 can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us.**

**Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.**

### \* Silent Prayers of Confession

### \* Pouring the Water

### \* Words of Forgiveness

Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist

One: Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved. The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news: today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God. We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone. What good, good news. Amen!

\* **Passing the Peace** Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist  
One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
*(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

\* **Hymn** GLORIA PATRI  
*Glory Be to the Father*  
*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

**Prayer of Illumination** Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist  
**Holy God, we could press our ear to the page, hoping to hear you more clearly. We could silence all the alarms and notifications, hoping to catch a murmur of your voice. We could still our beating hearts, and still we might miss your voice. So today we pray, open up space in our hearts, in our spirits, in our minds, to feel your presence among us. With you, anything is possible. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

**Gospel Reading** Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist  
Mark 6:32-44

**Epistle Reading** Ephesians 3:18-21

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison  
*“The Good News is:  
Together the Impossible is Possible”*

**Hymn** Glory to God #498  
*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*  
BEACH SPRING

**Call to Offertory**

**Offering** Andrew Morris, organ

\* **Doxology** Glory to God #606  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*  
*Praise God all creatures here below*  
*Praise God above ye heav'nly host*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**Invitation to the Lord's Table**  
**Words of institution**  
**Communion of the People**  
**Special Music**

*Ave Verum Corpus*  
W. A. MOZART

Chancel Choir  
Adrian Hartsough, director

As the ushers direct your row, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and the cup.  
You will partake of communion at the front and return to your seats by the south aisle.  
Communion will be taken to those who wish to remain in their seats.

**Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* **Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

\* **Closing Hymn** *What Wonderful Love Is This* **Glory to God #215**  
WONDEROUS LOVE Andrew Morris, organist

\* **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** Andrew Morris, organist  
\* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

**Welcome!**

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded, please **email us at [linda@firstpreslawrence.org](mailto:linda@firstpreslawrence.org)** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership, please talk to Pastor Helen.

**Prayer List**

*Cares, Concerns and Celebrations*

- **Kristi McAlister** has been admitted to KU Med with a spread of cancer and other issues. Prayers for both Kristi and her mother Pat McAlister.
- **Kathryn Roblee's** hip replacement surgery has been postponed. This is very disappointing for her so please keep your prayers coming. Thank you.
- **David Burdick, brother of Dianne Sisk**, died Feb. 22 in Wichita.
- **Ken Blair** had knee replacement surgery on Feb. 23 at LMH. Prayers for a complete recovery.
- **Betty Thomas, Joy Laird's mother**, is receiving hospice care at Presbyterian Manor. Prayers please.
- **Diana Schoneweis' great nephew, Luke (11)**, is dealing with brain cancer and all the treatments that brings.
- **Myron Shipley** is home and recovering from his fall. Prayers please.
- **George Crump** asks for our prayers as he navigates life issues.
- **Joan Snodgrass** is in rehab in Overland Park after a fall at her home.
- Please keep **Ruthanne Stucky, Mother of Alisa Stucky**, in your prayers as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- **Sammie Locke** has entered hospice care at Bridge Haven where she lives.
- **Angela Randall's sister has a cancer diagnosis**. Angela teaches for First 5 Years.

- Please keep **Cyndy Glogau and her family** (of First 5 Years) in your prayers as they work on health issues.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- Prayers for our **pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.

**Birthdays in the Congregation**

<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 5</b>
Marilyn Heikes	Pat Conner
Kathy Clausing-Willis	<b>March 6</b>
<b>March 4</b>	Linda Almon
Dennis Palmer	<b>March 7</b>
	Barbara Armbrister

**Sunday Helpers**

**Ushers:** Jim Rumsey, Charles Tuttle, Linda Burton  
**Greeters:** Carol Smith  
**South Door Greeter:** Jan Poulsen  
**Offering:** Chris Heider, Joan Golden  
**Friendship Pad Collector:** Petra Peterson  
**Bag Brigade Volunteer:** Linda Longino  
**Communion Servers:** Jeff Southard, Joan Golden, Larry Schlosser

**Deacon Family Groups - 2026**

A-B	Dorothy Devlin	Lf-Me	Deborah Norwood
C-Di	Lois Dutcher	Mf-N	Becky May
Dj-F	Sandy Groene	O-R	Diana Schoneweis
G-Ha	Melinda Fischer	S-Si	Charles Tuttle
Hb-J	Lucille Eggenberger	Sj-To	Mary Parkinson
K-Le	Linda Longino	Tj-Z	Nikki Barcomb

**Calendar**

**March 1**

9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:15 am	The Grace of Les Miserables
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
2:00 pm	Brownie Troop 5621
5:00 pm	Youth Card Making Party

### March 2

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
1:15 pm FPC Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Pastor Helen Class  
3:30 pm PW Eve Circle  
6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Girl Scout Leader Team Meeting

### March 3

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
1:00 pm Small World Classes

### March 4

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
10:30 am Grieving Together  
12:30 pm First 5 Years Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Bell Ensemble Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Troop 59 Boy Scout Meeting  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### March 5

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
11:00 am Matthew 25 Cohort Meeting  
1:00 pm Small World Classes  
6:30 pm Property Committee Meeting

### March 6

9:00 am First 5 Year's Classes  
10:00 am Men's Group

### March 7

10:00 am Justice Matters Research Meeting

### March 8

8:45 am Presby Pickers Rehearsal  
9:15 am Children's Sunday School  
9:15 am The Grace of Les Miserables  
10:30 am Worship

## Children Sunday School

### • Sunday School Classes for Children

- Our Children gather for fun and adventure in Room 14 at 9:15 am. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the fun!

## Adult and Youth Sunday School

- **Lenten Study** - Pastor Helen is offering a Lenten Study on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Fireside Room. The class is called *The Grace of Les Misérables*. We will focus on the story of Victor Hugo's book and subsequent movies and musicals which challenge us to wrestle with the nature of grace, the fault of unwavering justice, the tragedy of poverty, the victory of love, the struggle for justice and ultimately hope.

## Youth Sponsored Activities

- **Card Making Party** - All Youth are invited to come to Kelly's home (3113 Winston Dr.) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 1, to make birthday cards for the Deacons to use in their ministry of care for all of us. Supplies will be provided. Come get your crafting on and share some time together!
- **BINGO! On Sunday, March 15**, the Youth and Fellowship Committee are teaming up to host BINGO. Meet in Fellowship Hall following worship at 11:30 am. Bring an appetizer, snack or dish to share for lunch. Come check out our new prize cabinet and maybe win a game (or two) and pick your prize. Sign up on the Friendship Pad or call the office with your RSVP. 785-843-4171.

**Pastor Helen's Monday Class** is meeting on Mondays at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. On March 2 we will start a new study on the history of religion in the US. This is a class Helen taught at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M college. We will survey the history of religion in America and its impact on social reform, politics and intellectual life. It will offer an opportunity to study the religions of the world, and the influence faith and religion have exercised in American history. Everyone is welcome!



**Lenten Theme:** Jesus' words are easily distorted and sanitized in our modern world. Following Jesus leads to a richer, more expansive life, but it's not necessarily comfortable. Jesus' ministry can be described as "radical" which comes from the Latin word "radicalis," meaning "root" or "ground." Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings should ground us in who God created us to be. Can we be "good news" people in a world too often burdened by bad news? This Lent we will focus on what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment

for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all.

**Lenten Devotional Booklets are available in the Narthex.** The theme is, "Tell Me Something Good" and will challenge you to see, hear, and feel some good news especially in a time when we all could benefit from something good!