

First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

March 15, 2026

Prelude I *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* – arr. John Behnke

Prelude II *Your Grace is Enough* – Matt Maher
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Video – We Worship You

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Christian Johnson
Pass the Peace

*Responsive Call to Worship Dave Frederick

One: Weary travelers on this Lenten road, draw near to the gentle Shepherd who knows our hidden aches and unspoken fears. We crave that sacred meeting with Jesus, the One who mends our broken sight and whispers peace into our storms.

Many: You are our Shepherd, leading us through shadowed valleys, restoring the weary places in our souls with quiet waters and tender grace.

One: In our stumbles and blind spots, where sin clouds our vision, God peers into our hearts—not the masks we wear—and chooses us with unexpected mercy.

Many: Open our eyes, O Lord, to glimpse Your goodness in the ordinary, and guide our steps on paths woven with righteousness and light.

One: Together, we turn, confess, and rise, delighting in the Healer who touches the undeserving and invites us to feast at His table of endless love.

Many: At the mercy of the Mercy of Christ, we lift our voices in wonder and praise, our Guide, our Redeemer! Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #450

Call to Confession Dave Frederick

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful Shepherd, we confess the shadows that entangle us—the ways we prefer dim hiding places over Your revealing light. We have stumbled in blindness, judging by appearances, ignoring the overlooked, and nursing grudges that dim our compassion. Our inconsistencies wound us and others: we chase fleeting comforts, misuse Your gifts, and resist the call to live with open hearts. Forgive our reluctance to expose what festers within—the pride that blinds, the greed that grips, the fears that keep us from Your paths of righteousness. Renew us in humility, that we might rise from these graves of self-deception and walk in Your freeing grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Doxology *We Are an Offering* – Dwight Liles
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Video – Come to Me

Prayer for Illumination Dave Frederick

Old Testament Reading — Psalm 23 (NRSVUE)

Anthem *He Was Wounded* – Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Hal H. Hopson
Sanctuary Choir

Time with our Children Anita Ramsey

Sermon Living as Children of the Light Rev. Christian Johnson

Scripture — Ephesians 5:8-14 (NRSVUE)

Hymn of Affirmation *Surrender* – Marc James
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Minute for Ministry – Legacy Giving Jack Gunter

Call to Offering Dave Frederick

Offertory *Better is One Day* – Matt Redman
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Prayer of Dedication/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Christian Johnson
The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least* #852

*Benediction Rev. Christian Johnson

Postlude – Léon Boëllmann, arr. Helaman Stephenson
Toccata Gothique, with "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

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