

# First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship  
February 22, 2026

Prelude I *Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John* – Richard Syner

Prelude II *The Wonderful Cross* – Tomlin, Watts, Walt, Reeves, Mason  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Video – From Ashes to Hope

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Christian Johnson  
Pass the Peace

\*Responsive Call to Worship Todd Ramsey

**One:** As the ashes of Lent settle upon us, we come together in quiet longing, hearts heavy with the weight of our wanderings and the shadows of our shortcomings.

**Many:** **Yet in this sacred season, we turn toward the light of mercy, seeking the One who meets us in our frailty.**

**One:** We acknowledge the battles we cannot fight alone, the paths we've strayed from in our human striving.

**Many:** **But here, we lay down our burdens at the feet of the Merciful One, trusting in the grace that redeems what is broken.**

**One:** Let us worship the God who calls us from dust to dawn, from repentance to resurrection.

**All:** **In hope and humility, we lift our voices to the Victor who draws us near!**

\*Opening Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout Those Forty Days* #166, Vss. 1,2

Video/Call to Confession Todd Ramsey

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from Your ways, enticed by whispers that promise wisdom yet lead to shame. Like those first formed from dust, we have grasped at forbidden fruit, seeking to be like You while hiding from Your gaze. Our failings run deep, inherited and chosen, flooding our lives with separation and sorrow. We cannot overcome this tide on our own; we throw ourselves upon Your tender mercy, longing for the grace that only You can give. Forgive us, O Lord, and draw us back to You.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Doxology – arr. Brent Milligan, David Crowder

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Prayer for Illumination Todd Ramsey

Old Testament Reading — Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (NRSVUE)

Anthem *Amazing Love Medley* – Marty Parks  
Sanctuary Choir

Time with our Children Pastor Christian

Sermon Our Great Hope Rev. Christian Johnson

Scripture — Romans 5:12-19 (NRSVUE)

Hymn of Affirmation *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* – Tomlin, Newton, Giglio  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Call to Offering Todd Ramsey

Offertory *Lead Me to the Cross* – Brooke Ligertwood  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Prayer of Dedication/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Christian Johnson  
The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #223, Vss. 1,2

\*Benediction Rev. Christian Johnson

Postlude *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* – arr. Sondra Tucker

Annual Meeting – Those not wishing to stay are invited to leave during the Postlude.

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

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