

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“At the Cross”

arr. Carolyn M. Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

The Gathering of God’s People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Hear My Prayer”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 143

L: Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

P: **So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.**

L: Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails.

P: **Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.**

All: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #183

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Augustine of Hippo (354–430)

God of life,

**there are days when the burdens we carry
are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down,
when the road seems dreary and endless,
the skies gray and threatening,
when our lives have no music in them,
and our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their courage.**

**Flood the path with light,
turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
and so quicken our spirits
that we may be able to encourage
the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life,
to your honor and glory. Amen**

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

vs. 3

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"In Love Christ Came Among Us"

Joseph Martin

PRAYERS 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

arr. Larry Shackley

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 7: 1-5

John 8: 1-11

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Judge Not"

Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Being Sent Into the World

SONG OF PRAISE

"Amazing Grace"

Psalms 150

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshipping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-4th grade) will go to room 103. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

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