

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

arr. Carolyn M. Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

MOMENT FOR MISSION Boy Scout Troop #525 and Cub Scout Pack 3525 *Mike Dornbush*

The Gathering of God’s People

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 5: 3-12

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

P: for they will be filled.

L: Blessed are the merciful,

P: for they will be shown mercy.

L: Blessed are the peacemakers,

P: for they will be called children of God.

All: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #372

“O For a World”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God: We confess we have been hurt by others. We confess we are angry. We confess that we struggle to love, especially when we are hurting and angry. Help us, O God! Help us to love, even those who are difficult to love. We confess our wounds are deep and the only way we can live as you call us to live, is by your spirit. We rely on your perfect love, to help us love ourselves, others, and you, our God. Lord, in your abundant mercy, forgive our sins and guide our way.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: Hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #286

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

verse 3

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“Cleanse Me”

J. Mark Taylor and Mark Hayes

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

“There is a Fountain”

arr. Penny Rodriguez

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 24:17

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Matthew 5: 43-48

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Loving Our Enemies”

Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

MOMENT OF REFLECTION INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From a Brief Statement of Faith

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

Being Sent Into the World

SONG OF PRAISE

“Come! Live in the Light!”

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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