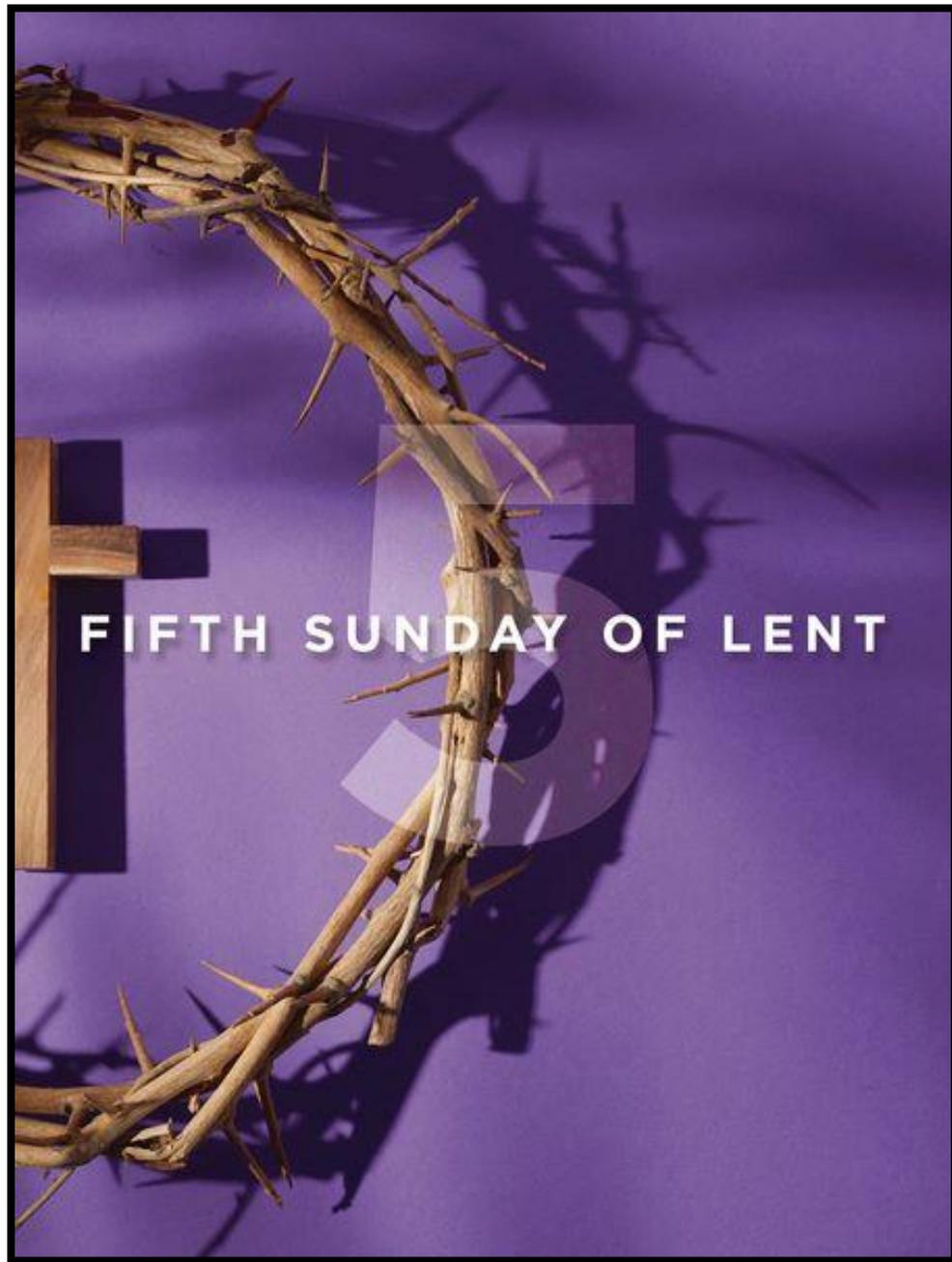


Welcome To Worship

5th Sunday in Lent



March 22nd, 2026



PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's redemption road together.

We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God's redemption road together. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: **#93** *"Lift Up Your Heads" (Vs 1 & 3)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths of despair,
we cry to you, O God.

We are lost in a world
of pain and suffering.

When we put our trust in weapons of war,
we find no peace.

When we put our faith in our own resources,
we feel the ache of our true needs.
When we put our hope in the health of our bodies,
we suffer pain and find no healing.
Come to us, O God.
Forgive our doubts and fears.
Heal our brokenness,
that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.

Silent confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is forgiveness and healing with God.
God's steadfast love
has the power to redeem our brokenness
and make us whole.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
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Glory to God! Amen

RESPONSE HYMN: **#215** *"Wondrous Love" (Vs. 1 & 2)*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**
Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
guide us by your Word through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may be reformed,
restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



SCRIPTURE

Reading #1.....Psalm 17: 1-7

Gospel Reading.....John 18: 12-27

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“Peter’s Denial”

Pastor Vern Christopherson

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION:

#215

“Wondrous Love” (Vs. 3 & 4)

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

#216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

BENEDICTION

Beloved, the journey does not end here. As you travel God’s redemption road, go in the blessing of God who persistently breathes new life into dry and weary places, and watch for resurrection to happen when you least expect it. Amen.

DISMISSAL (Responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *(Please stay seated and enjoy the music from our talented musicians)*



March 22nd – March 29th, 2026

Sunday- Sunday- March 22nd, 2026

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Message.....Paster Vern Christopherson

Ushers & Greeters.....Gary & Adam Hoerner

Pianist.....Hazel Mendez

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Marsha Odom

Tuesday- March 24th, 2026

6:00pm - Bells

Wednesday- March 25th, 2026

5:30pm – Worship at Wesley

Saturday- March 28th, 2026



1:00pm-3:00pm – 95th Birthday Celebration for
Paula Waters @ The Golden Link

Next Sunday- March 29th, 2026 – Palm Sunday

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Message.....Pastor Ryan Ferwerda

Ushers & Greeters.....Bill & Gloria Watro

Pianist.....George French

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Lynne Mullins



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

Causes Supported

Disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, immigration, migration & refugees.

Easter Lily order forms are located on the table outside of the sanctuary as well as my office. Please return the order forms no later than **March 30th**. Thank you!



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



If you wish to sponsor a lily for our church's floral display for Easter Sunday, April 5th, please fill in the order form below and return it to the office.
NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 30th

The price of the plant is **\$15.00** and your check or cash may be placed with the order.
(Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church)

BLESSED
BY GOD
for **88**
YEARS



A Special Message:

Beverly Pester Bergman would like to send her love and prayers to all the members of First Presbyterian during this Lenten and Easter season.

Also, Happy 88th Birthday to you Beverly!

March Birthdays

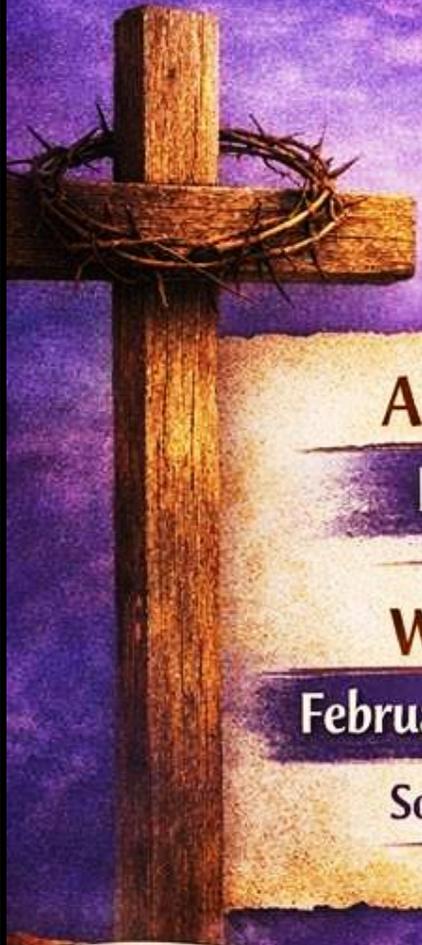
March 6th ~ Marlys Mjoen
March 27th ~ Jaxon Kopecky
March 29th - Mary Pulkrabek
March 31st ~ Paula Waters

Best wishes for you



Join Us at Wesley

for Ash Wednesday & the Lenten Season



Ash Wednesday Service

February 18 | 6:00 PM

Weekly Lenten Services

February 25 – March 25 | 5:30 PM

Soup, Bread & Lenten Devotion

All are welcome!

