

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, February 26, 2023 – 10:30 AM**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Order of Worship**

Welcome and Announcements-*Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list, too. Welcome!*

Prelude "Jordan" arr. Johnson

Choral Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn 166 "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

When we stay silent, when we do not acknowledge what we need to change, we waste away. Our guilt turns into shame that eats away at us like a poison. God calls us to repent and be healed; let us turn to God.

**Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!  
God does not count our sins against us,  
But offers us a free gift of righteousness!

**Thanks be to God!**

Response

“Gloria Patri”

Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,  
amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

“Come Unto Me and Wait”

Hayes

Come unto Me and wait, for my time is not your time. Come unto Me and wait, and you will gain new strength. Those who wait for the Lord will mount up with eagle's wings. Those who wait for the Lord will run and not grow tired. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am. Be still my child and wait.

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

**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.**

Hymn 175

“Seek Ye First”

First Lesson

Genesis 2: 15, 17 and 3: 1-7 (page 2 and 3)

Second Lesson

Romans 5: 12-19(page 980)

Sermon

“Moving in Freedom”

Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism** - Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and sure of his presence with us, we baptize those whom he has called to be his own. In baptism God claims us and puts a sign on us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember and rejoice in our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Gail: At the request of Trevor and Megan Hawley, and by unanimous vote of the session, I present Olivia Grace Hawley to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Let us pray: God our Father: we thank you for your faithfulness, promised in this sacrament, and for the hope we have in your Son Jesus. As we baptize with water, baptize us with your Holy Spirit, so that what we may be your word and what we do may be your work. By your power, may we be made one with Christ our Lord in common faith and purpose. Amen!

Megan and Trevor, do you desire that Olivia be baptized? Do you? And relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your daughter? Do you?

Gail: (The Congregation will stand.) "Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the people of the church, promise to tell this new disciple the good news of the gospel, to help her know all that Christ commands, and, by your fellowship strengthen her family ties to the household of God?" Do you?

**Baptism** – Olivia Grace Hawley, I baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Anointing with Oil** - Olivia, you are forever as a child of the covenant, sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and with this oil of gladness you are marked as Christ's own forever. "See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God."

Hymn 724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Benediction

Postlude

"Agincourt Hymn"

Dunstable

**Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for a treat after worship!**

**Church Staff**

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor  
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

**Week of February 26- Prayers of the People**

- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- David and Debbie Garth
- Greg Graupmann
- Lane Pittman
- Robert Norfleet
- Mae Holoman
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley
- Those who have COVID

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2	Charles Bond	3	Lauren Graupmann
10	Logan Smith	17	Rebecca Yaeckel
20	Diane Griffin	20	Steve Frazier
24	Judy Powell	27	Betty Bartlett
27	Bunky Joyner	28	Grace Bryant

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1	Edna Broadhurst	12	Burma Smith
13	Penny Brangan	13	Mary Fitzwater
15	Lanier Halterman	21	Mallory James Smith
22	Jennifer Patgorski	24	Nancy Frazier
26	Mike McCormick	28	Nancy Grant