

*First Presbyterian Church*  
*First Sunday in Lent*  
*February 22, 2026*

**SHARE** the amazing love  
of God

**REFLECT** the light of Jesus  
Christ

**LIVE** and serve joyfully  
in the Spirit's  
power

# 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. Welcome! Today, we welcome Pastor Randy DuVall to our pulpit.*

Prelude

Hymn 280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Responsive Litany

We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God's grace.

**We pray to God in times of distress, knowing that we are freed from sin and preserved from trouble.**

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!**

Corporate Prayer of Confession - followed by a time for silent confession

**God of holiness and truth, many voices claim to know what is right and good and clamor for our attention. We pray that You will silence in us any voice but Yours until we are compelled to act with justice, to speak with clarity, kindness, and honesty, and to walk humbly in the way of Jesus Christ. Keep His example always before us and stir us out of complacency, making us like children again as we worship with astonished joy. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, put your hope in the Lord,

**For with the Lord is unfailing love and full redemption.**

Passing of the Peace – Let us greet one another with the "Peace of Christ."

Song of Praise

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Hymn 453

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

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Time with the Children

Hymn 279

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Raymond H. Haan

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.**

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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.**

## First Lesson

**Matthew 4:1-11:** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## Second Lesson

**John 14: 15-17:** "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

John 14:25-26: "These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

**John 15:26-27:** But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning.

**John 16:12-15:** "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Sermon

"Listen; the Spirit of Truth"

Pastor Randy DuVall

Hymn 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Agincourt Hymn"

John Dunstable

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

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### **Prayers of the People**

David Stuart, Mary's brother  
Lane Pittman  
Robert and Peggy Norfleet  
Monica Manley  
Kim McCormick  
Gus and Clara Spanos  
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law  
Bobbie Stegall  
Rose Layman  
Skip Parker

Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday  
Kathy Goolsby  
Everest Goodrich  
Pat Sparks  
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa  
Mary Leming  
Alice Butler  
Jim and Joan Plaatsman  
Kathy Goodrich  
Trish Ballentine-Terry, friend of Todd and Jerry

### **Church Staff**

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

### **SESSION**

Norma Halterman (2026)  
Cameron McCormick (2026)  
Todd Taylor (2026)  
Linda Audet (2027)  
Sue Fay (2027)  
Pat Sparks (2027)  
Michael Broadhurst (2028)  
Diane Griffin (2028)  
Dan Swanson (2028)

### **TRUSTEES**

Kim McCormick (2026)  
Gail Pittman (2027)  
Earl Griffin (2028)

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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

### **Sunday, February 15**

Total Offering \$ 3,667.22