

# First Presbyterian Church

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*12:00 p.m.*

## **Community Lenten Service**

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: It is tempting to linger over the beautiful day and simply relax.

People: *Yet we come to worship with awakened faith and hungering spirit.*

Leader: It is tempting to avoid this time of worship because of all the demands placed upon us.

People: *Yet we gather as a community of faith grounded in the good news of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of one another.*

Leader: How tempting it is to be elsewhere.

People: *How great it is to be here!*

Unison: *We come to worship the One who restores our faith and challenges our way of life!*

\*Hymn # 353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

\*Opening Prayer

Proclaiming God’s Word

Gospel Lesson

Luke22:31-34, page 31

Homily

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“The Cock Is Crowing, How Will We Respond?”

Sending God’s Word into the World

\*Hymn # 307 (verses 1,2, and 4)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*Charge and Prayer

\*Please stand if able

Following the worship service everyone is invited to the multi-purpose room for lunch.

Donations will go to the Carthage Food Pantry.

A special thanks to Robert Wilson, our Choir Director and Organist and the Presbyterian Women for the meal.

Schedule of Lenten Series:

- 3/5 Carthage United Methodist Church
- 3/12 First Presbyterian Church
- 3/19 First Missionary Baptist Church, 576 Needmore Road
- 3/26 John Hall Presbyterian Church, 520 Dowd Street
- 4/2 Grace Church, 108 S. McNeill St.
- 4/9 Mt Olive AME Zion Church, 440 Bethlehem Church Rd.