

# First Presbyterian Church

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We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## CHORAL INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (Psalm 121)

Leader: Lift up your eyes, people of God!

People: *We look to the hills, we stare into the desert, we gaze at the horizon-where is our help?*

Leader: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: *We will lift up our eyes, and follow God's way.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*HYMN OF ADORATION # 440

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Lord, Your Kingdom is open to all by your grace and through faith in Jesus but we often construct roadblocks that hinder people from entering. We demand good behavior from others before showing them where to find Your life-changing mercy. We work to appear righteous and good but fail to practice Jesus' basic instructions: love God, love others, forgive freely, and share the Good News. Forgive us for our sin and our waywardness. Let us lean wholly on Your power that we may follow You faithfully and lead others to Your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

## A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

### 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.*

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 5:12-19, page 155

### ANTHEM

“My Tribute”

Jenny

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 21:8-21, page 16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Wazenegger

“When Life Doesn’t Seem Fair”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 35 of hymnbook

“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

“Lord Prepare Me, to be a Sanctuary”

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

*\*Please stand if able.*

**Opportunities for the Week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Today:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev Nancy Wazenegger
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday:	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday:		<b>Distribution of Church Mouse / Newsletter</b>
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Service, <i>First Presbyterian Church</i>
Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Susan Hudson
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group

## Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome Rev. Nancy Wazenegger as she brings forth the message this morning. Nancy graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte with a Master's Degree, in Divinity in 2016. During the week, she works as a school nurse at an elementary school in Sanford, NC. In her spare time, Nancy likes to be her son's #1 cheerleader at his numerous sporting events.

Choir Practice will resume on March 4, 2026, beginning at 5:45 p.m. Come out and join us as we praise God through our songs.

The Community Lenten Series will be held here at First Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. A lunch and time of fellowship will follow the service.

**Office hours for March:** The church office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 a.m. Sonya will be remotely working from home on Monday from 9:30-2:00 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday as needed. Please feel free to contact her at the office during these hours or by email at [infofpc397@gmail.com](mailto:infofpc397@gmail.com). If you need assistance after these hours, please do not hesitate to send an email as emails are checked periodically.

We have numerous "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Please continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month.

The Sandhills Crop Hunger Walk will be held on March 29, 2026, at Union Pines High School track. Please visit the link provided for more information or to start signing up teams.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/sandhillssc>