

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We strive to be a loving family of faith, nurturing one another's spiritual growth as we serve, worship, and reach out to celebrate Christ's Love.



March 5, 2025

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: God's love endures forever.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: God's love endures forever.

***HYMN #824**

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

PREPARING FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

"To Dust We Shall Return"

***HYMN #708**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty. For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us. For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us, accept our repentance, O God. Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us. Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

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.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #442**

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***People stand as they are able**