

In this Lenten season, we gather in hope, trusting the good news to bring light. God's Spirit often surprises us with delight and inspiration. Welcome to worship!

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPClive>

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NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.



Order of Worship
February 22, 2026

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 22, 2026



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Fellowship is vital to our life together, so please continue connecting after worship.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The good news of the gospel is:

All: manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.

One: The good news of the gospel is:

All: release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.

One: So come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising good news is here for you.

All: Let us worship this good-news God.

*OPENING PRAYER

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: You may have heard, “All is fair in love and war,” or “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But God says, “Forgive seventy times seven.”
God says, “I am slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” God says, “Turn the other cheek.” God’s mercy catches us by surprise. So with wonder and gratitude, let us go to God in prayer. Let us be surprised by God’s grace all over again. Friends, let us pray

All: Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious.

We have to pray on our knees without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door. But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant. And all of a sudden, we wonder:

Can we be like that mustard seed?

Can we be faithful and unruly?

Can we be playful and curious?

Can we be messy and still be yours?

We know the answer already.

The Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of course.

Forgive our doubt.

Pull us closer into your embrace.

With faith like a mustard seed, we pray.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers. *(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 13:31-32

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 2:1-11

² On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? ^{4a} My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

MESSAGE

“So Good It Catches Us By Surprise”

1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
 2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
 3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
 4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
 O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
 O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
 to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38/Mark 12:28–29/Luke 10:26–28).

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SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God Hymnal – Pg. 35
 (Please use “debts & debtors”.)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

"Come Follow Me"

Faithful Harmonizers

Soloists: Ann Greenwood, Dianne Macdonald

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

"Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #731

"Give Thanks"

Spiral Hymnal

(Sheet music on next page)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"May God Grant You a Blessing"*

Faithful Harmonizers

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.



- Prelude arr. G. Winston Cassler, OneLicense.net
- Hymn #385 Glory to God Hymnal, Public Domain
- Hymn #63 Glory to God Hymnal, CCLI
- Offertory Ella & Steve Kupferschmid, OneLicense.net
- Hymn #731 Sing! People of Faith Hymnal, CCLI
- Postlude Public Domain

Give Thanks

Words and Music by
Henry Smith

♩=80

Am/C F C/E Dm Am

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One; Give

5 B♭ F/A F E♭ 1. Gm⁷/C C⁷ Am/C

thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give

9 2, 3. Gm⁷/C C C/B♭ Am⁷ Dm⁷ C/D Dm⁷ Gm⁷

Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the

13 B♭/C C B♭/D C/E Fmaj⁷ Am/E Dm⁷ C/D Dm⁷

poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has

16 E♭ Last time to Coda \oplus 1. Gm⁷/C C C/B♭ 2. Gm⁷/C C D.S. al Coda Am/C

done for us; And us. Give

19 \oplus Coda Gm⁷/C C⁷ B♭/C F Fmaj⁷ Gm⁷/F F

us. Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

Faith Life

February 22, 2026

We warmly invite you to linger after worship and share in a time of fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, catch up, and build community—and we'll have refreshments and snacks waiting to make it even sweeter. We'd love for you to stay and join us!



The Ministry of Support will host the March 1st potluck luncheon.

This time, we're making it a true potluck—bring whatever you'd like to share: a main dish, side dish, or dessert.

We may end up with all desserts, or we may have a table full of potato salad—but whatever comes through the door, we'll enjoy it together.

And that's the most important thing.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Dedication Palm Sunday
March 29

Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Journey

Join us after worship during Lent to explore different spiritual practices



- ◆ February 22: Lectio/Visio Divina
- ◆ March 1: Praying with Color
- ◆ March 8: Labyrinths
- ◆ March 15: Examen
- ◆ March 22: Rule of Life

PLEASE NOTE

Newsletter Update

The Spring issue of *The Faith Flyer* went out with some errors. The online version reflects the corrections. Here are the important items to note:

- The financial report is the final report of 2025.
- The Youth Group “One Night Without a Home” dates on the printed copy of the flyer are from last year. The correct dates are 11/20-21 for this year.
- References to the Easter Egg Hunt on any of the schedule lists should now be recognized as the Easter Scavenger Hunt.



Easter Flower Orders Now Open

Order forms available in the pews, on Facebook & in the weekly email blast.

Or request a form by email.



**Order Deadline:
Sunday, March 15**

Don't miss the deadline — Mail in orders must arrive by March 15th!

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Fridays



The Nursery Needs You!



Our youngest members are a treasured part of our church family—and we need caring volunteers to help care for them during worship. If you don't yet have your clearances, don't worry—we'll guide you through the process!

- **Every Sunday in March**

☞ Sign up today by adding your name to the whiteboard in the narthex or by contacting Sally Heimbach. Your presence makes a difference!

Fellowship Hosts Needed



Fellowship time after worship is one of the best ways we grow together as a church family. Hosting is simple—clear instructions are provided—and your warm hospitality blesses everyone who gathers!

- **March 8, 15, 22, 29**

☞ Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach to bless our church family with your hospitality.

Ushers/Greeters Needed



A warm welcome makes Sunday worship extra special. Our ushers help everything run smoothly by greeting worshipers, sharing materials, and offering a friendly smile. It's easy to do—and we provide all the reminders and instructions you need!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to usher.

- **March 15, 22, 29**

☞ Sign up on the table in the narthex or speak with Anne Laubach for more details. Your welcome matters!

Worship Assistants Needed



Helping during worship is simple, rewarding, and so important! Everything is prepared for you ahead of time—we provide clear, step-by-step instructions and all the materials you'll need.

- **March 1, 22, 29**

☞ Be part of creating a meaningful worship experience. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or reach out to Sally Heimbach.



March 1 - “The Good News is Great Love for God & Neighbor”
Luke 7:36-50

March 8 - “The Good News is that Together, the Impossible is Possible”
Mark 6:32-44

March 15 - “The Good News is Protection and Care for the Vulnerable”
Matthew 19:13-15



TODAY—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship, Children’s Music

Mar. 1—Potluck (Ministry of Support), Lenten Bible Study

Mar. 8—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship, Children’s Music

Mar. 15—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship

Mar. 22—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship

Mar. 29—Easter All-ages Scavenger Hunt, Fellowship

Apr. 5—EASTER Breakfast

Apr. 12 –Bloom for Women presentation, Fellowship,
Children’s music

Apr. 19—Clean-up day, light lunch

Apr. 26 – Q & A with Pastor Becki, Fellowship,
Children’s music

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Scan this QR code to donate to aid disaster relief, or send a check with PDA in the memo line, mail to:

Presbyterian Disaster c/o
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



There are several specific disasters on the PDA website. You can give directly to any one of them, or let PDA determine where best to use your donation.



Youth Group Needs



Pastor Jo Marchetto, our Youth Group Director, is looking for volunteers to support youth group. If you have an idea for a program, or if you would like to join us for an activity, we would love to have you join us! One of the gifts of faith communities are the intergenerational relationships that form into mentorships. You all have the potential to be excellent mentors to our youth. If you would like to think this through or ask questions about mentoring, I would love to talk to you! Please feel free to call or email her anytime.

How Can You Support Our Youth?

Sponsoring a meal for our Groups is a very beneficial and easy way to show your support for our youth. (For a rewarding experience, consider joining them for the meal and getting to know them better.)

It's easy - scan the QR code to schedule or sponsor your meal, or you can call Pastor Jo. What a wonderful way to show interest in and support of our youth! THANK YOU!



the Gospel of John

Word on Wednesday Bible Study

Join us Wednesdays at noon in the church parlor. All are welcome!

WOW will not meet April 1 or 8. Our last WOW before summer break will be May 27.



Conversations

Conversations is a gathering of women that meets on the second Thursday of the month, and all are welcome!

If you have any questions, please speak with Anne Laubach or Donna Call. Thank you!



TEACHERS' CLOSET

Teachers' Closet

Faith Church's Teachers' Closet offers local educators a free and welcoming place to gather the classroom supplies they need—items they would often otherwise purchase out of their own pockets. Our local teachers, especially those working in elementary and middle schools, have expressed deep gratitude for this support.

- The Teachers' Closet is open on the **1st Saturday from 10-11:30 am** and the **3rd Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 pm**.
- The list of remaining dates for the 2025-26 school year is listed in the latest issue of The Faith Flyer.
- There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the table in the narthex.
- There is an Amazon wish list with items needed for the Teachers' Closet. Scan this code or go to <https://bit.ly/46Pjb7l>



Scan me

Our current needs are colored pencils, Play-Doh, AA batteries, Clorox wipes and earbuds



Pastoral Care Needs

For medical emergencies or death, contact Pastor Becki, or contact one of the Co-Moderators of Deacons, Doug Boyd, or Ellie DePhillips. Their contact information can be found in the church directory.

*Volunteers Needed on Sundays!
Please see the 2nd page for details.*

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.



Key
 BR Brick Room
 FH Fellowship Hall
 MR Music Room
 P Parlor
 PL Parking Lot
 S Sanctuary
 Z Zoom

thisweek

Sunday, February 22

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. - Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Journey
 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group (5)

Monday, February 23

Tuesday, February 24

9:30 a.m. - Growing in Grace Academy (3)
 3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Foods Program
 9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
 9:30 a.m. - Growing in Grace Academy (3)
 5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)
 7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, February 26

9:30 a.m. - Growing in Grace Academy (3)
 10:30 a.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
 7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, February 27- Office Closed

Saturday, February 28

9:00 a.m. - Zumba (FH)

nextweek

Sunday, March 1

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service: Communion
 11:00 a.m. - Potluck
 Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Journey

Monday, March 2

7:00 p.m. - Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, March 3

9:30 a.m. - Growing in Grace Academy (3)
 3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
 7:00 p.m. - Ministry of Support (BR)

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Foods Program
 9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
 9:30 a.m. - Growing in Grace Academy (3)
 5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)
 7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, March 5

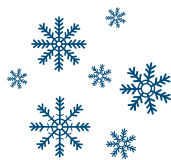
9:30 a.m. - Growing in Grace Academy (3)
 10:30 a.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
 7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, March 6- Office Closed

Saturday, March 7

9:00 a.m. - Zumba (FH)
 10:00 a.m. - Teachers' Closet

Snow Cancellation Policy



If the snow starts piling up and you're wondering whether we are holding our Sunday service, stay safe and check WFMZ StormCenter for the latest cancellation updates:
wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter/

Daybreak—March 9
Flyer deadline—May 17
2026 Per Capita—\$50.00



Are You Getting the Info You Need?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

- Weekly Announcements Quarterly Newsletter
 Prayer Chain Emergency Alerts

Name & email: _____

- Mar. 15..... Deacons' Meeting
- Mar. 29..... Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt
- Mar. 29..... One Great Hour of Sharing
- Apr. 2..... Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 3..... Good Friday @ The Barn
- Apr. 5..... Easter
- Apr. 19..... Clean-Up Day
- May 4..... She Nailed It!
- May 30..... Yard Sale
- June 20-28..... Work Camp
- July..... Vacation Bible School