



# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

## CENTERING MUSIC

Hymn to Joy Variations; All Things Bright and Beautiful; Blessed Assurance; Great is Thy Faithfulness  
*Martha Painter, Harp*

PRELUDE

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ *Please sign the Friendship Pads*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

**Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

**We worship the Lord our God alone.**

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: wash away our sin, cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, re-create us in your image, and plant your righteousness within our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*(Time for silent confession). Amen.*

*Lifting water from the font:*

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

God does not count our sins against us, but offers us a free gift of righteousness.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, know that in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Christ*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ~ Audrey Nason, Charles Nason, Elliette Loren

STATEMENT OF BAPTISM

QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS AND CONGREGATION

STATEMENT OF FAITH: THE 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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Giver of all gifts, Creator of word and water, Incarnate God, and life-giving Holy Spirit: In the waters of baptism, God's Holy Spirit comes to us and binds us to the body of Christ. Let us pray thanksgiving for this miracle that always makes wider and deeper the companionship we have with each other through Jesus, our Savior. This earth, O God, is our home, built by your Word and your breath. Made alive by you, we come to know you and to know ourselves as your people.

**We give you thanks.**

We drink your cooling waters.

**We give you thanks.**

We see your rivers, lakes, and oceans lush with creatures large and small, food for the eye and for our nourishment.

**We give you thanks.**

We bathe and are refreshed in the waters you have made.

**We give you thanks.**

Now gathered at baptismal water, a sign of your unending mercy, we praise you for the gift of your Son who in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension embraced the world, calling us to proclaim the good news that welcomes all people.

**Make us one in you.**

We praise you for the gift of prayer that allows us to hear you speak in our midst and gives us words when we are speechless with joy.

**Make us one in you.**

We praise you for the waters that bring us to this day, to celebrate a new and renewed life in your name. Let your Holy Spirit clean and stir these waters that they might be set apart for blessing these your children as they join your people through the waters of baptism.

**Make us one in you.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into your people, through the holy Word, by waters blessed.

**To you be all honor, glory, and gratitude, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BAPTISMS

\*HYMN NO. 482

“Baptized in Water”

SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 6:1-21*

SERMON ~ Dr. Brad Walker

CHORAL RESPONSE

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Mac Wilberg

*Martha Painter, Harp; Charlotte Ellis, Flute; Tammie Davis, Violin*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 35, Glory to God)

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 816

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*GO FORTH IN PEACE ~ Festive postlude on "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by Marianne Kim

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*Please be aware the 10:30am service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube*

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