



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church March 15, 2026

CENTERING MUSIC ~ *Small Bell group* (arr. Jason Krug)

"Go to Dark Gethsemane," "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ *Please sign the friendship pads*

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We are children of light,

rejoicing in everything good and right and true.

We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.

**In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake,
and we stand in the light of Christ.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #418 ~ "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of compassion and mercy, we confess that we are people who still love darkness rather than light; therefore, we often fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget that you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Forgive us when we are deaf to your Word and blind to the movement of your Holy Spirit, and fail to respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace. (Time for silent confession). Amen.

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS ~ Doxology (No. 606, *Glory to God*)

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

SCRIPTURE READING ~ Matthew 7:1-23

SERMON ~ Dr. Brad Walker

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE NO. 743 ~ "O God, You Are My God" ("Step by Step")

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ *from* The Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of mankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to men, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which men know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no man has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

CHORAL REFLECTION ~ "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," arr. Mark Hayes

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

*HYMN OF SENDING #442 ~ "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE ~ "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," arr. Diane Bish

Sermon Notes

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

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