



## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2026 ~ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

CENTERING MUSIC ~ "Blessed Assurance" (arr. Mary MacDonald)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ *Please sign the friendship pads*

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ invites us to make our home in him as he makes his home in us.

**Let us build our homes on the rock that is Christ Jesus.**

Then the storms of life will not bully us.

**Hurricanes and floods will not destroy us.**

Let the word of God dwell in us richly. Let us hope in the Lord.

Our trust and hope are in God, whose name we will praise forever!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #720 ~ "Jesus Calls Us"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God, there is no distinction between us, for we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. If you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We hear your Word, but ignore or dismiss it, neglect or resent it, choosing to trust in promises built on sand rather than rock. We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. Yet, you defy our comprehension because you forgive us. You alone can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Forgive us, we pray, and give us the gift of your grace, that we may be made right through our faith in Jesus Christ,**  
*(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 7:24-29

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 ~ 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.**

CHORAL Response ~ "Kyrie" by John Leavitt

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

\*HYMN OF SENDING #353 ~ "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*GO FORTH IN PEACE ~ "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (arr. Pierce Dickens)

# Sermon Notes

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

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