



3rd Sunday in Lent

Worship of the Living God

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Gathering around the Word

Offering

Prelude

Offertory Praise Team

Welcome & Greeting Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Honey in the Rock
Brook Ligertwood | Brandon Lake

†Call to Worship Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Doxology *Doxology (God Be Praised)*
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

†Song *Your Grace Is Enough*
Matt Maher

Prayer of Dedication

Confession of Sin

Sending to share the Word

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Song
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)
Jason Ingram | Michael Weaver

†Response *Glory Be*
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

†Benediction

Proclamation of the Word

Postlude

Children's Message Ron Church

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

Prayer of Illumination



Scripture: Mark 1:12-13

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of our most gracious God, from whom all life comes, and in memory of Kirby Sue Palmer Fisher (our loving Mom and Mia), who died on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Given by the J. Steven Fisher and Paula Fisher Philpot Families.

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Carter Jenkins (Ryan and Suzanne Jenkins' son), Deborah Alexander, Nadine Potts, James Behrooz, Ron Church, Betty Carli, David Zirt (Delaine Fowler's friend), Ruth Purser (Kathy Sanborn's mother), Jeanette Whitley, Jean Wurster, Bill Garraty (Jennifer Hudson's father), Jessica Aiken (David and Nadine Potts' granddaughter)

Ed Muire and family on the death of his mother, Ellen Muire, on March 4.

Steve Fisher and family on the death of his mother, Sue Fisher, on March 4.

Susan and Joe Sember on the death of their uncle, Richard Tillman Fountain.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Billy Canup (Cindy Coleman's father), Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Suzanne Glasgow (Doug Glasgow's sister-in-law), Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Reba Parsons, Frank Saunders, John Smith

BIRTHDAYS

Alex Lee, Chad Hoskins, Debbie Collins, Bob Bruce, Caylee Snow, Rachel Culler, Steven Lescoe, Robin Jordan, Sloan Summitt, Teresa Ruffy

Ministry Focus

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FRIENDSHIP PADS in your rows are for recording attendance and for visitors to share their information so that we can share about God's work here.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CLIPBOARDS are in the back of the room on the Welcome Table.

CHILDCARE (ages 4 and under) is available in the Nursery in our Family Life Center (see an usher for directions).

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available from an usher.

CHURCH LIFE

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

GROW: Lenten Prayer Breakfasts each Wednesday during Lent. Join us for the best homemade breakfast in town. Schedule of speakers: March 11: Pastor Derrick Hawkins; March 18: Rev. Rickey Johnson; March 25: Dr. Sidney Davis; and April 1: Monica Green and the Jubilee Community Choir. Cost: Adults \$7, Children/Youth \$3, and children under 4 are free. Sign up weekly on the friendship pads, or call/email Christine in the church office.

GROW: Sisters in Christ invites all women to a 4-week Lenten Bible Study. Join them on Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, at 9:45, in the Sisters in Christ classroom.

Ministry Focus

GROW: New Men's Bible Study! Pastor Josh is leading a new weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study for men at 6:30 am, in the Open Horizon classroom. Josh says, "My earnest hope for this Bible Study is that it will be a place for men of different generations to find brothers in Christ who will encourage them in the life of faith."

GROW: Sisters in Christ invites all women to a 4-week Lenten Bible Study on The Promise and Power of Easter, by Christine Caine. Join them on Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, at 9:45, in the Sisters in Christ classroom.

GROW: JOY will have a Catawba College 'Behind the Scenes Tour' of the Drama Department and Sports Complex on Friday, March 13. Meet at the Hendrick Little Theater at 9:30 am. Lunch will be at DJ's. Call the church office to RSVP.

MUSIC: The Bell Tower Ringers Festival Concert is set for Saturday, March 14, at 4:00, in Lewis Hall. Don't miss this mass-bell concert!

WORSHIP: Rev. Hannah's Service of Installation will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 3:00, in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend. A reception will follow the service.

GROW: New Members Lunch Sunday, March 29, 12:15-2:15, in Fellowship Hall. Have you been visiting First Presbyterian Church for a while? Do you consider First Pres your church home? Join Pastor Lara and other prospective new members for lunch to learn about the meaning of membership, what we believe, and how to grow and serve in faith together! Please RSVP to Pastor Lara or the church office to save your spot by March 25.

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE: The Helene Recovery Team plans to take quarterly work trips to Western NC to assist with homes affected by the hurricane. The next trip is April 6-10. Lodging and meals are provided at the Montreat Conference Center. Call Bob Harris (704-202-5877) or Mike Drinkard (770-283-9046) with questions.

SERVE: Former Girl Scouts and/or Leaders, we are having a Reunion, March 24, 10:00-12:00, in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a Brunch dish to share. RSVP to the Church Office or Carolyn Glasgow at 704-433-7871.



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