

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

My Song is Love Unknown

Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

**Please stand in body or spirit*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ, the bread of life, to teach us his ways,

People: feed us with his flesh and blood,

Leader: and fill us with the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn #509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

***Call To Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

All-knowing God, we are your children, but we readily turn aside from your wisdom and walk in our own ways. We are prone to living carelessly and squandering the gift of time, filling it with too many activities, too much productivity, and not enough wonder and gratitude. We have been drunk with the wine of this world and forsaken our truest desires to pursue the desires of this age for wealth, power, and success. Heal us from our worldly addictions and fill us with your Spirit. Clear our minds from clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

***Assurance of Grace**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: It is a joyful thing to be in the presence of a forgiving God. Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

(Please greet your neighbors in the ways you are comfortable.)

***Response #576**

Lord, Have Mercy

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Psalm 51:7-12

~ **Children's Message** ~

Second Scripture Reading John 6:35-71

Sermon *The Obstacle*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***Gloria Patri #581** *Glory Be to the Father*

Call to Offering

Offertory *Behold the Lamb of God* Healey Willan

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues...)

Sanctus #552

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

(prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Communion of the People

(As you are able, please come forward as directed by the ushers.)

Communion Hymn #527

Eat This Bread

Prayer after Communion

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn #406**

Wonderful Words of Life

Celebration Hymnal

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on "Aberystwyth"

David Bednall

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James; Liturgist, Gene Smith; Organist and Music Director, David Stultz; The Sanctuary Choir

Calendar

Sunday, March 1

Communion Sunday

9:15 a.m. Music Practice

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

6:30 p.m. Praying with Scripture Class

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 p.m. Worship & Arts Mtg.

Wednesday, March 4

10:00 a.m.–4 :00 p.m.

Treasure Chest

12:00 Noon Bulletin and Media Deadline

1:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

6:00 p.m. Lenten Simple Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service– Chapel

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study

Sunday, March 8

9:15 a.m. Music Practice

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:15 a.m. Family Lunch

6:30 p.m. Praying with Scripture Class

Community Game Night

Friday, March 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

\$5 Entry fee for Dinner

(Pizza, Veggies, Beverages and Dessert)

and Table Games. (ie: Mexican Train, Euchre, Scrabble, Sequence, etc) We will also hold a Euchre Tournament (\$5 Entry fee with Cash Prizes.) No need to sign up, but

Please join us and bring a friend!



LET'S KNIT TOGETHER

Jane's next knitting evening will be Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m.



It will be at Jane's home: 130 Woodcrest Dr., Dearborn.

We can help you learn to knit or crochet and maybe a craft project too.

Bring a Friend!



Family Lunch

Join us for family lunch in Mitchell Hall March 8th following worship.

Hope to see you there!

Lenten
WORSHIP &
SOUP SUPPERS



Wednesday's during Lent join us for a light supper followed by a short worship service.

Supper at 6:00 p. m. -Service at 6:30 p.m.

(Donations accepted to help cover the cost of supper)

March 4,11,18, & 25

All are welcome.

Praying with Scripture: A Lenten practice of Lectio Divina

There is a big difference between reading the Bible for information and reading it for formation.

We Presbyterians have done a great job of understanding Scripture (with our minds), but we sometimes have a more difficult time allowing it to seep into our hearts. This year's Lenten study with the pastor will explore an ancient practice of Scripture reading as prayer. The goal will be to experience Scripture as the focal point of a two-way conversation between you and God, and to draw closer to God in the process. Each week, there will be a presentation about how to "do" the practice, followed by a time of prayer with a biblical passage. This year, our class will be hybrid: there will be an in-person gathering in the North Parlor at 6:30 p.m., but it will also be on Zoom for those who would rather not travel in the evening or who may be too far away to be there in person. The schedule for the class is below.

One zoom link was created for this series of classes and will connect you every week. If you are new to the class and need a zoom link, please contact Tami in the church office. She can be reached at tamim@firstpresdearborn.org.

1. Prayer and the senses of Scripture February 22
- 2. Reading and the literal sense: acquaintance March 1**
3. Meditating and the allegorical sense: friendliness March 8
4. Praying and the moral sense: friendship March 15
5. Contemplation and the unitive sense: intimacy March 29

CHRISTNET COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 22

We are finding alternate ways to continue our support of ChristNet Family Services. From February 22, 2026–March 22, 2026 there will be a collection of needed products that are used everyday at the ChristNet Day Center. The list ChristNet provided us with is below. Please consider donating one or multiple of these items during the one month collection. There will be a cart and or box for items in the Narthex. Reach out to Anne Witkowski with any questions. anne.e.witkowski@gmail.com Phone: 313-319-1442.

NEEDED ITEMS FOR CHRISTNET:

- Paper and Styrofoam Plates – Dinner Size
- Sandwich/Dessert size Ziploc Bags
- Plastic Drink Cups
- Styrofoam Coffee Cups
- Napkins
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Coffee– Regular
- Powdered Lemonade
- Powdered Creamer



Book of the Every Other Month Club

Book of the Every Other Month Club will meet on Saturday, March 14 at 10 AM in the North Parlor to discuss Daniel Mason's beautifully written, critically acclaimed novel North Woods.

All are welcome. Come join us! Contact Jan Witkowski at 313-570-7901 or janwit1978@gmail.com for further information.



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Come Home to God's Love

Church Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.