

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Prelude in D Minor, BWV 539

J.S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: The psalmist sings, One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

People: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

Leader: Friends in Christ, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.

*Hymn #836

Abide with Me

*Call To Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

*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 27

~ Children's Message ~

Second Scripture Reading

John 18:12-27

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Affirmation 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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Song #820

Nothing Can Trouble

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Song #820

Nothing Can Trouble

Call to Offering

Offering

O Savior of the World

Arthur Somervell

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn #209**

My Song is Love Unknown

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor, BWV 539

J. S. Bach

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

Calendar

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
Stuffed Cabbage/smashed
potatoes/ peach crisp
- 6:30 p.m. Praying with Scripture class

Tuesday, March 10

- 1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Mtg.
- 6:30 p.m. Outreach & Mission Mtg.

Wednesday, March 11

- 10:00– 4:00 Treasure Chest
- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin & Media Deadline
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Simple Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service– chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12

- 10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. PW Dinner @ 312 Grill

Friday, March 13

- 6:30 p.m. Game Night

Saturday, March 14

- 10:00 a.m. Book of the Every Other
Month Mtg.

Sunday, March 15

- 9:15 a.m. Music Practice
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 3: 00 p.m. Music Medley Concert Series
- 6:30 p.m. Praying with Scripture class

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Pastor*
David Stultz, *Organist and Music Director*
Tamera Metiva, *Office Administrator*
Rachel Woods, *Business Administrator*
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*
Jamie Palmer, *Custodian*



The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of my mother, Rebecca Straub and her twin sister, Rachel Conte, on what would have been their one hundredth birthday. Given by Nancy and Dave Slanec.



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 for further information.

It is with a sad heart and faith in the resurrection that we announce the passing of

Marie Shearer

on March 2, 2026. A service for Marie was held on Friday, March 6th.



The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

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Come Home to God's Love

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



2025-2026
Season

Music Meley

Presented by the Friends of the
Dearborn Symphony

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
600 N. Brady Rd. Dearborn MI

*From Renaissance to Baroque
"An Afternoon of Early Music"*

featuring Various Musicians

Sunday March 15, 2026 3:00pm

Single Tickets:

General Admission \$25

FODS Membership Price \$20

Season Subscription:

General Admission \$125

FODS Membership Price \$100



Contact Jane Mykytenko 313-657-2776;
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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



Lenten

WORSHIP & SOUP SUPPERS



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

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

(Donations accepted to help cover the cost of supper)

March 11, 18, & 25

All are welcome.