



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 1, 2026

10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

*(Please use this time to prepare reflectively for worship.)*

### RINGING OF THE BELL

Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Stewart Smith

### PRELUDE

*Du Klagst, O christ, in Schwerem Leiden*  
(Thou Mourn'st, O Christ, in Heavy Suffering)  
Music by John Adam Hiller (1728-1804)

Xiao McCollum, organ

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the road that Jesus traveled to the cross.

**People: This is an opportunity for repentance, to turn our lives around and to follow Christ.**

Leader: This is an opportunity for renewal, to draw closer in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

**People: This is a time to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our cross and be servants of all.**

Leader: Today we have the opportunity to come and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**People: We come not trusting in our own goodness but knowing we need forgiveness and trusting God to grant it.**

Leader: We come as people of faith, who are eager to respond to God's abundant grace with worship and praise!

**Unison: Let us worship the living and loving God!!**

### \*HYMN #35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*  
Words by Fred R. Anderson; Music by Hubert H. Parry

Glory to God

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!**

**All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!**

**Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!**

**Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Jana Hemphill

Ever present God, our companion on the journey, keep our hearts strong, for we are tempted to place stop signs on our attempts to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We find it difficult to deny ourselves as we seek comfort and things that will make discipleship easier. We are tempted to satisfy the immediate need and neglect the effort needed for the long haul. We look for the easiest and quickest solutions to problems even if it causes more problems in the future. We avoid conflict. We neglect discipline. We keep faith at a distance, not wanting to challenge or question our comfortable lifestyles. Forgive us for resisting the sometimes difficult and sometimes demanding call to discipleship. Give us the strength to take up our cross and follow You, all the way to the cross. ... *(Silent Confession)* ... Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE #471**

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

Glory to God

Words by: The Taizé Community, France; Music by Jacques Berthier

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.**

**The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise;  
all my help comes from God.  
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise;  
God, the wellspring of life.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also, with you.**

**CHILDREN'S SONG #2233**

*Where Children Belong*

Sing the Faith

Words and Music by James Richie

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**

*Kyrie*

Words: Traditional Greek; Music by John Leavitt

Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Alleluia!  
(Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Praise God!)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup> "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**SERMON**

*Stop – Are you Following Jesus or Believing in Christ?*

Rev. Stewart Smith

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Are Ye Able Said the Master*  
Music by Henry S. Mason

SungKun Jung, piano

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**THE INVITATION**

Rev. Stewart Smith

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

**THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

There will be three communion stations at the front. The bread is **gluten free** bread. The cup is filled with grape juice. We will be taking communion fully by intinction. (After you receive the elements, please use this time prayerfully and reflectively.) If it is inconvenient for you to come forward, you can be served in your pew.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

SungKun Jung, piano

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. Stewart Smith

*A Special CEO Offering will be taken at this time by those who wish to contribute.*

**\*HYMN #831**

*I Depend Upon your Faithfulness*  
Words and Music by Miguel Cassina

Glory to God

**I depend upon your faithfulness. I can journey on for you are always there.  
None compares with you, O Blessed One; O how great your faithfulness.  
[Repeat song]**

**\*BENEDICTION**

## **PARTICIPANTS**

**Interim Senior Pastor** – Rev. Stewart Smith

**Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder** – Isaac Thomas

**Director of Christian Education** – Kristi Button

**Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries** – Amanda McDonald

**Audio/Visual Team** – Christopher Verdery, Connor Button, and Drew Parker

**Choral Interns** – Amelia Booker, Cole Jackson, Jeffrey Kerst, Verna Labitad

**Worship Band** – Nina Andrews (drums), Rob Button (guitar), Dennis Brewer (guitar), Jeffrey Kerst (bass)

**Organist** – Xiao McCollum

**Pianist/Choral Accompanist** – SungKun Jung

**Membership Coordinator** – Amy McCann

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