
THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

Liturgist: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

People: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

Liturgist: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

People: We worship the Lord our God alone.

****Prayer of the Day**

****Hymn 259** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

****Declaration of Forgiveness**

****Hymn 579** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen."*

****The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

Children are dismissed to their class.

THE WORD

Unison Prayer for Understanding

O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Reading from the Old Testament **Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

...see insert...

Reader: The word of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Reading from the Gospels **Matthew 4:1-11**

...see insert...

Reader: The gospel of our Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

A Gift of Music

Sermon *"Transformative Temptation"*

****Hymn 403** *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

****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.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*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.*

Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

****Hymn** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* **DOXOLOGY**

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" Amen.*

****Prayer of Dedication**

THE SENDING

****Hymn 288** *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

***please stand as you are able*

First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

Order of Worship for the First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 ~ 11 a.m.

*Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish
Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney*

Please silence cell phones prior to worship.



We welcome everyone to this hour of worship. It is our prayer that this time will be meaningful to you as you worship. As we prepare for this holy time, let us center our thoughts on the Christ who loves us supremely.