
THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

People: **God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.**

Liturgist: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

People: **Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him.**

****Prayer of the Day**

****Hymn 466** *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. 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

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

The Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-4a

...see insert...

Reader: The word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Reading from the Gospels

John 3:1-17

...see insert...

Reader: The gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Gift of Music

Sermon

"Saying 'I Don't Know' is Okay"

****Hymn 383**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

****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 387** *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

****please stand as you are able**

First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

Order of Worship for the Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 ~ 11 a.m.

Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish

Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney

Please silence cell phones prior to worship.



(Nicodemus visiting Jesus by Henry O. Tanner 1899)

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.