
THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: God's Truth opens our eyes on the world.

People: God's Spirit shatters our prejudice.

Liturgist: God's Truth nourishes our hearts.

People: God's Spirit encourages us in the face of fear.

Liturgist: God's Truth frees us from past mistakes and misunderstanding.

People: God's Spirit moves us to find new purpose in life.

Liturgist: So let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

****Prayer of the Day**

****Hymn 276** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**

God, our Redeemer, We are not proud of all you hear in our thoughts and prayers. We complain when we want things to change but don't know what to do. We justify ourselves when you call us to change but we don't want to. We blame others when things change and upset our expectations. Forgive us, God, when we are not listening for you. 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

Jesus Christ, we turn to you this day to be refreshed by God's living Word in the Scriptures. Let the Holy Spirit open our eyes to your truth and shine truth on the way you set before us. Amen.

The Reading from the Old Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

...see insert...

Reader: The word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Reading from the Gospels

John 4:5-15

...see insert...

Reader: The gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Gift of Music

Sermon

"Cool Water"

****Hymn 356**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

****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 92** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

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

First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

Order of Worship for the Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 ~ 11 a.m.

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

Please silence cell phones prior to worship.



(Woman at the Well 4 by Hyatt Moore)

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.