



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Congregation of a Covenant Order
of Evangelical Presbyterians
323 Main Street, Greenville, PA



**“Sin demands to have a man by himself. It withdraws
him from the community.”**

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 1, 2026 - 10:45 AM**

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF THE VISION TEAM

The team consists of six Covenant Partners, two Elders, two Deacons, and two Staff members:

Tim Eckhardt, Karen Shilling, Doug Groover, Mary Jane Fay,
Randy Curtis, Ben Claypool, Betsy Klingensmith, Nancy Hoffacker,
Bonnie Barr, Ericka Dershimer, Erin Slagle, Molly Davis

PRELUDE – “Finale in C Minor”Stanley Saxon

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – Based on Psalm 100

One Voice: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All Voices: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.

One Voice: Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His

All Voices: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

One Voice: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

All Voices: And His faithfulness to all generations.

CONVENING PRAYER

*HYMN – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - sored from the
 3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe On this ter - res - trial
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may

fall, Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a -
 fall, Ye ran - sored from the fall; Hail Him who saves you by His
 ball, On this ter - res - trial ball; To Him all maj - es - ty as -
 fall, We at His feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing

dem, And crown Him,
 grace, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 crite, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 song, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,

crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Him,

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God sees not only our actions, but our hearts.

People: Our hearts are not always pure before Him.

Leader: Anger and resentment take root within us.

People: And what grows in secret harms those around us.

Leader: Still, the Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,

**You created us for communion with You and with one another,
yet we confess that sin has torn what You made whole.**

We have allowed jealousy to grow in our hearts.

We have nurtured anger instead of love.

We have compared, resented, and withdrawn.

When You warned us, we did not listen.

When You called us to master sin, we gave it room to rule.

**Forgive us for the ways we harm our brothers and sisters
in thought, in word, and in silence.**

**Forgive us for asking, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
when You have clearly called us to love one another.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God.

Remove the root of bitterness from within us.

**Teach us to walk in mercy,
through Jesus Christ,**

whose blood speaks a better word than ours.

Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE – "Surely the Presence"

Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place; I can
feel His might-y pow-er and His grace. I can hear the brush of
an-gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face; Sure - ly the
pres - ence of the Lord is in this place. *Optional transition
to "He Is Here"*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The final system includes a double bar line and a 7-measure rest, followed by an optional transition to a 4/4 time signature.

CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....John Forbes

CHOIR ANTHEM –Chancel Choir
"At the Table of the Lord".....Jay Althouse

SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Matt Minner

HOLY SCRIPTURE

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-24

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

PREACHING TEXT

Preaching Text: Genesis 4:1-16

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it." ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

One Voice: The word of the Lord!

All Voices: Thanks be to God

SERMON – "Tear in the Field" Ben Claypool

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Elements are gluten free)

- Invitation to the Lord's Table
- Prayer of Consecration
- Distribution of the Elements
- Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING - God's Tithes/Our Offerings

OFFERTORY- "Minuet in G"Beethoven

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*WE AFFIRM OUR 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, died, and was buried; he descended to 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.

*SENDING HYMN – “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Introduction
mp Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! The

cresc.
maj - es - ty and glo - ry of Your name. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
cresc.

cresc. The maj - es - ty and glo - ry of Your name. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
cresc. *cresc.*

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
ff *dim and rit.*

mp Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
mp *dim.* *dim.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE – “Allegro”D Caneatrari

**Congregation Standing*

Director of Music Ministries
Randall Curtis



FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL this morning are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert L. “Andy” Anderson by Kerry Overfield and family.

In Loving Memory
Robert S. Ohr
12/18/1962 – 2/21/2026

THANKS FOR REMEMBERING! Next Sunday March 8, Daylight Savings Time returns. Spring ahead!

SERVING TODAY in the church nursery (infant and toddler childcare)

10:45 AM – Carol Houck & Nancy Hauser

NEXT SUNDAY 10:45 AM – Ericka Dershimer & Nancy Hoffacker

GREETING TODAY Jim & Janie Miller

NEXT SUNDAY John Russell

AED/CPR training for anyone who wants to attend Saturday, March 7th 11:00 am to noon in Calvin Hall.

PW Daytime Circle will meet Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the church Conference Room. Bonnie Barr will lead the Bible Study on Sarah, pages 16-19. Janie Miller will share devotions. All women are welcome to join us!

PW EVENING CIRCLE plans to meet Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. Lesson 6, on Phillip the church parlor.



GOOD SHEPHERD EASTER REQUEST

We have been asked to supply boxes of mashed potatoes to help with the distribution of Easter holiday food bags. Thank you for helping to join forces in lending a helping hand. The deadline for the collection is **Sunday, March 22.**

GOOD SHEPHERD MEAL TO BE PREPARED AND DELIVERED BY FPC ON MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

We have opportunity to prepare and share a meal with 250 people in our community. Our menu: Goulash, Roll, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, and Cookies.

Many hands make light work! Sign-up sheets near exit above glass doors. Jobs to be filled are as follows:

* Cookie Bakers: Please help if you can. Cookies should be packed one or two to a small sandwich bag (for one serving). Kindly bring to the FPC kitchen on Sunday 3/15 or by Monday morning 3/16 at the latest. Suggested amount: up to 24 single servings.

* Sous Chefs to cook our main dish of goulash: Please report to FPC kitchen at 9:30 am. We will brown ground meat, chop and cook aromatics, combine ingredients, prepare a final product and transport to Good Shepherd.

* Kitchen Help at Good Shepherd Center: Report to the Good Shepherd Center at 1:30 pm. We will prepare boxes for delivery; dish out salads; separate rolls; portion main dish and dessert items.

* Drivers: Asking for 5 sets of drivers to deliver meals from 3:45 - 4:30 pm. Please be at the Good Shepherd Center by 3:45 pm on 3/16/26. This is also a fun part of the day!

Blessings to all! Suggestions/Comments/Questions may be addressed to 724-456-1989

2026 EASTER SHARE OFFERING

This special offering is collected during lent every year. This year the mission committee has named SHOW to be this year's recipient. SHOW sponsors an orphanage in Africa which we have been supporting for several years. The money will be used to help get a new water well to provide water for the orphanage and village. Your offering can be placed in one of the Easter envelopes in your offering box, or in one of the pew envelopes, please mark Easter Share on the envelope and in the memo line of your check. Place in the offering plate or the church office. The offering will be collected through Lent until after Easter. Thank you for your generosity.



Place your order for lilies in honor and/or memory of your loved ones. Lilies are \$9.50 and the deadline is March 23. They will be placed in the chancel area for Easter morning and taken with you after worship.

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 1	8:30 a.m.	Mission Committee Mtg.
	8:30 a.m.	Deacons Mtg.
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Lent II Communion
	4:00 p.m.	Kids 24/7
	6:00 p.m.	612
Monday, March 2	9:00 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	6:00 p.m.	Christian Education Mtg.
Tuesday, March 3	1:00 p.m.	PW Daytime Circle
	6:00 p.m.	PW Evening Circle
Wednesday, March 4	9:00 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	10:00 a.m.	Tots of the Kingdom
Thursday, March 5	9:30 a.m.	Discovery Science
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 6	9:00 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	6:30 p.m.	Knot Navigators Vision Mtg.
Saturday, March 7	8:30 a.m.	Knot Navigators Vision Mtg.
	11:00 a.m.	AED Training
Sunday, March 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship/Lent III

Deadline for announcements for Sunday's bulletin-Wednesday by noon
Deadline for the Bell Tower – 20th of every month

939 PRAYER PARTNER SUGGESTIONS

For spiritual growth

STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Ben Claypool-Bridge Pastor

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday	Off

Susan Blum-Office Manager

Monday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dan Dibble – Head Custodian

Monday	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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