

Order of Worship
March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude *We Are One in the Spirit*, arr. Paxton

Call to Worship (Responsive) *Psalm 95*

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

All: The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

Hymn No. 386 *Come, Worship God*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 555

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 166 v. 3

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion-tide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading *Exodus 17:1-7*

Word to Grow By

Anthem *How Lovely and How Pleasant*, arr. Burkhardt

Second Reading *Romans 5:1-11*

Sermon *Trusting in God*, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (11:00)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) adapted from *Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal p. 35

Offertory *Ah, Holy Jesus*, Ritter (11:00)

Doxology No. 606

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

Prayer of Dedication

Communion (9:00)

Hymn No. 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

Benediction

Postlude *Blessed Be the Name*, Balcomb

Liturgist: Dibba Spears

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our online Friendship Register or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors