

Order of Worship

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent



Prelude

Lyric Meditation, Riggs

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 27:1

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

One: Of whom shall I be afraid?

All: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

Hymn No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 423, verse 1

Create in me a clean heart O God, Create in me a clean heart O God, Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 423, verse 3

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, Restore to me the joy of your salvation, Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 27

Special Music

Amazing Grace, Lizzy Lovell, soloist (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

(11:00 a.m.)

Sermon*The Lord Is My Light*, Rev. Nick Reed**Hymn No. 817***We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* (11:00 a.m.)**Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

adapted from *A 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*Out of the Depths*, Smith (11:00 a.m.)**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 a.m.)

Hymn No. 846*Fight the Good Fight***Benediction****Postlude***Father, We Praise Thee*, Price

Liturgist: Terry Ley

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God and to the congregation of FPC, whose unwavering love, open heart, and steadfast faith embodies the spirit of Christ, by Karen Herring and Leslie Carter. We celebrate the beautiful community you have nurtured with your respect and kindness.

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