

# Calendar

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16

*2nd Sunday of Lent*

10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00AM—Faith Formation

1:00PM—High School FLY Lunch  
(Chipotle)

5:15PM—FLY

5:30PM—Session Meeting (E205)

## MONDAY, MARCH 17

9:00AM—3:00PM— Woodshop Office Hours

## TUESDAY, MARCH 18

7:30AM—Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)

10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)

10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

9:00AM— 3:00PM— Woodshop Office Hours

4:00PM—Book Club (E102)

5:30PM—Children’s Choir (Choir Room)

6:00PM—B365 Skidmore/Beckham (E205)

6:15 PM—Handbell Choir (Choir Room)

6:30PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

## THURSDAY, MARCH 20

9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)

10:00AM—H3 Collins (S211)

12:00PM—B365 Black/Roberts

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Confirmation Retreat

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Confirmation Retreat

10:00AM—Gills Creek Cleanup

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

Confirmation Retreat

10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00AM—Faith Formation

## MONDAY, MARCH 24

9:00AM—3:00PM— Woodshop Office Hours

## TUESDAY, MARCH 25

7:30AM—Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)

10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)

10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)

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## Worship Notes

**\*PLEASE BE AWARE** we live stream our worship and our services are video-recorded.

**\*LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask an usher if you would like to use one during our service.

**\*CHILDCARE** is provided for all infants and children 6 yrs and younger.

**\*HEARING SYSTEM** available for those who are hearing impaired. Please ask an usher.

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE\*\***

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MARCH 16, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE

“The God of Abraham Praise”  
Michael Burkhardt

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 27 (CEB)

Stephen Shook

The Lord is our light and salvation; whom shall we fear? Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.

**We will wait for the Lord; be strong, and have courage; We will wait for the Lord!**

\*HYMN NO. 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord of all creation, you know our innermost thoughts. We open our hearts to you, confessing the Sin that separates us and praying for your grace. For the sin of silence when we should have spoken, and the sin of speaking when we should have been silent, O Lord, we repent. For the sins of indifference and lack of compassion when suffering does not affect us, O Lord, we repent. For the sin of serving others so that we will look good, O Lord, we repent. For the sin of having more than we need but refusing to share, O Lord, we repent. Forgive our Sin and put a new and right spirit within us. For your grace we pray. For your forgiveness we are grateful. Amen.**

*The church year is divided into liturgical seasons. For each season, a particular color is evident in our paraments and banners. This is currently the Season of Lent and the purple color of the paraments mirrors the purple color of the Advent Season, as both Advent and Lent are seasons of preparation. During Lent we prepare our hearts for the betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Purple is often called a royal color, reminding us that Jesus was called the “King of the Jews.”*

*When this symbol \* precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

*A prayer of confession invites us to reflect on God’s purpose for our lives. When we do this, we realize how we have missed the mark. This confession of our failures is not to make us feel bad, but to speak the truth about ourselves. The truth is that we sin. But the greater truth is that when we confess our sin, God’s nature is to forgive so that we are free to try again.*

An assurance of pardon is one way of claiming God's promised forgiveness and grace. We believe that when we repent of our sin and ask God to forgive us that God does in fact forgive us. We don't need a preacher or priest to ask on our behalf. God deals with us directly as believers who seek to love and to follow.

In 1998, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved three new catechisms for instruction and for worship: a children's version, a confirmation version and a catechism for use by adults. Catechisms (a series of questions and answers) have been used for instruction since the sixteenth-century. They provide brief summaries of Christian faith and life in dialogue form. Today's questions come from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*, intended for use with children who are third grade or older.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. (Luke 11:1-4)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** from Colossians 2:14 (CEB)  
In Christ, God destroyed the record of the debt we owed and cancelled it by nailing it to the cross.  
**This gift of grace and reconciliation is from God! We accept and are grateful!**

**\*HYMN NO. 581 GLORIA PATRI**  
*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.*

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Who are you? **I am a Child of God**  
What does it mean to be a Child of God? **That I belong to God, who loves me.**  
*(Children through 1st Grade depart to Room #E-107)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READING OF THE WORD** John 13:1-16  
*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON** "Core Behavior: Service" Dr. Ellen Skidmore

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Ed Black

**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.**

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Children of the Heavenly Father"  
Eric Nelson

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**  
*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.*

**\*THE DEDICATION**  
May these gifts, given in gratitude and love,  
**Change us and the world to serve your purpose!**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Declaration of Faith – Chapter 9 – Christian Discipleship (ll. 7-11, 15-28 & 97-102)*

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Christ calls us to live in disciplined freedom. Jesus came to set people free by the power of the gospel. In so doing he did not abolish, but fulfilled the law and the prophets. Through his teaching and the teaching of the apostles he showed what it is to be free and obedient. We declare Christ has freed us from trying to save ourselves by obeying the law. He restores to us God's law as a gift and delight. The law describes concretely the shape of our freedom. When we accept its discipline, it keeps our personal lives from being chaotic and increases our effectiveness in the church's mission. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 203** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG - The Lord's Prayer**  
**"For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Rondeau"  
Henry Purcell

*Sanctuary Flowers*  
*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God*  
*by Patti Robinson*

*We give to God out of gratitude. And the work of this church depends on your gifts. Offerings may be made online <https://flpc.org/giving/> or use the QR code below.*



*A Declaration of Faith was adopted by the Presbyterian Church in the United States (a precursor to our current denomination) in 1977 as a "contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy and inspiration . . ." It includes much that speaks directly to our current context and is useful for study and worship. This small section, of the much longer statement, gives us a way to affirm that the earth belongs to God and we are stewards of the earth God has made.*

*Some worshipers find sitting and listening to the musical postlude helps them conclude their worship. Others find joy in greeting others. Choose the response that helps you worship God. And if a fellow worshiper is seated, please allow them time and space to listen and pray.*