

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

**This service is being livestreamed Prelude through Postlude, and is available for public viewing.*

Meditation

*"Jesus called us to love our enemies, but love is not enabling.
Love sometimes requires accountability and justice." ~ Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber*

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL INTROIT

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Leviticus 19 and Luke 10

Pastor Eric Garner

We are called to be holy because our Lord God is holy; we are called to community because our Lord God is holy.

We shall not defraud our neighbor, but rather treat them with justice.

We shall not profit from our neighbors life or death, but rather honor the image of God within them.

We shall speak truth when our neighbors cause harm, but we shall love our neighbors as ourselves.

But who is our neighbor and how will we act as a neighbor to them?

Our neighbor is the person God has placed in front of us; the one to whom we are called to show mercy.

HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

GTG 298

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

Have mercy on us and forgive us;

That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

To the glory of your Name.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

Through Christ we have been brought into friendship with God. Know the joy of communion through the power of the Holy Spirit and trust that you have been forgiven.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Gloria

GTG 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lizz Kendall

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GTG 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-34

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. **[34** Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." **]** And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ **22** But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. **23** So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ **44** But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? **48** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

14 “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, **15** but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Bad Neighbors

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

GTG 753

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Eric Garner

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God, a-bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



Thank you, Rhonda and Mark Taylor, for sponsoring this Sunday's worship flowers in honor of your family!

If you are interested in sponsoring the Sunday worship flowers, please sign up on the FPC website, or call the church office and we'd be glad to help get you signed up!

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 23: 11:30 a.m.
WiredWord Adult Sunday School
FPC Library

Sunday, March 23: 11:30ish—after Worship Service
Families Connect!
Lent Lesson with Pastor Eric ~ lunch is provided!
FPC Fellowship Hall

Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff

FPC Session ~ Elders

Jim Connors, President | Brad Leiding, Treasurer | Joyce Prahm, Clerk of Session
April Austin, Worship | Theo Black, Budget | Sophie Hoiseth, Stewardship and Faith Formation
Lynn Kuechle, Community Engagement | Kelly McBride, Properties | Paul Peterson, Personnel

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Please complete the form on the other side
you can place your completed form in the offering plate
or you can place your completed form in the black box
on the wall outside of the church office

Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church
and write "Easter flowers" in the memo line

2024 EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Order Deadline Thursday, April 17, 2025



Traditionally at Easter, the front of the FPC sanctuary is decorated with dozens of beautiful flowers, thanks to your generosity! Again, this year you can participate by choosing an Easter lily, tulip, or begonia plant(s) for the price as listed below. Please mail or bring this order form to the church office by dropping it in the secure box outside the door. Please be sure your check is made payable to First Presbyterian Church and add "Easter flowers" on the memo line.

Easter Lily \$17 Qty. _____ **Tulips \$20** Qty. _____ **Begonia \$20** _____

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In Memory/Honor of: _____

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___ I will **PICK UP** my flowers after Easter Sunday worship or during church office hours.

___ **SHARE** my flowers with a homebound church member.