

## DEDICATION

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      Philippians 2:5-11  
**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

### ANTHEM

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### \*HYMN #447

“LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL”

### \*CLOSING RESPONSE Hymn #536

“LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY”  
 (vs 1)

### \*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able

Rev. Becky Downs, Pastor  
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#### FPC Mission Statement

God calls First Presbyterian Church to reflect Christ as we strive to:  
 Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth, joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith, reach out to serve and include our diverse community, and respond to God's call to serve those in need.

March 15, 2026 - March 22, 2026

Sunday	<b>Dan Klein, Guest Preacher</b>
Monday	<b>Salvation Army Monday Serving Team</b>
Tuesday	<b>The Bell Choir Practice, 5:30 PM, Room 214-216</b>
Wednesday	<b>Men's Breakfast, 7:30 AM, America's Kitchen</b> <b>Meals on Wheels Drivers</b> <b>Lenten Soup &amp; Study, 5:30 PM, fellowship hall</b> <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Choir Room</b>
Thursday	<b>Finance Meeting, 4:00 PM, Library</b> <b>EOP Spring Showcase, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary and fellowship hall</b> <b>Chancel Ensemble Practice, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary</b> <b>Girls Night Out, 5:30 PM, Social Tap (811 21st Street)</b>
Next Sunday	<b>9:00 Ida Austin Class, online</b> <b>9:15 Quest Bible Study, parlor</b> <b>9:30 Sunday School Class, chapel</b> <b>12:00 PM Worship Ministry Meeting, library</b>

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KATERYNA SHADRINA "PILATE'S COURT", Ukraine, Contemporary.

# First Presbyterian Church

Galveston, Texas

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

*4th Sunday of Lent*

#### FPC VISION

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

## PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Ginny Niebuhr, Liturgist

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ADORATION

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to all who have come in search of something;

**We have come to seek the living God.**

Happy are those who find a way and follow that path;

**We do not make this Lenten journey by ourselves.**

Blessed are those who give their lives over to their Creator.

**In faith, in trust, with hope, let us worship God.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“JESUS CALLS US O’ER THE TUMULT”

(words on wall)

## CONFESSION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer  
the truth of our lives:**

**The fear that stifles us,**

**The prejudice that blinds us,**

**The ignorance that hobbles us,**

**The doubt that plagues us.**

**Help us, we pray, that we will**

**Find courage in unlikely places,**

**See the world with new and gracious eyes,**

**Move to those places where love is needed,**

**Have faith that you are with us.**

**This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #138

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, Almighty” (vs. 1)

## OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Ensemble

“STEP BY STEP”

### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 25:1-10 (NIV) Pg. 492

<sup>1</sup> In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. <sup>2</sup> I trust in you; do not  
let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but  
shame will come on those who are treacherous without  
cause. <sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my  
Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. <sup>6</sup> Remember, Lord,  
your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. <sup>7</sup> Do not  
remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are  
good. <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs  
sinners in his ways. <sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way. <sup>10</sup> All the ways of the Lord are  
loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of  
his covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### CHILDREN’S CHAPEL Children ages 6 through 5th grade

### \*HYMN #93

“AH, HOLY JESUS”

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 18:28-40 (NIV) pg. 987

<sup>28</sup> Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the  
palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning,  
and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the  
palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.

<sup>29</sup> So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are  
you bringing against this man?”

<sup>30</sup> “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not  
have handed him over to you.”

<sup>31</sup> Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your  
own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected. <sup>32</sup>  
This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind  
of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus  
and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup> “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to  
you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief  
priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my  
servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish  
leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

<sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason  
I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth.  
Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

<sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out  
again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis  
for a charge against him. <sup>39</sup> But it is your custom for me to  
release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do  
you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews?’”

<sup>40</sup> They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now  
Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SERMON