

## 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 #417**  
 "CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION"

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE Hymn #536**  
 "LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY"  
 (vs 1)

### \*POSTLUDE

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### FPC Mission Statement

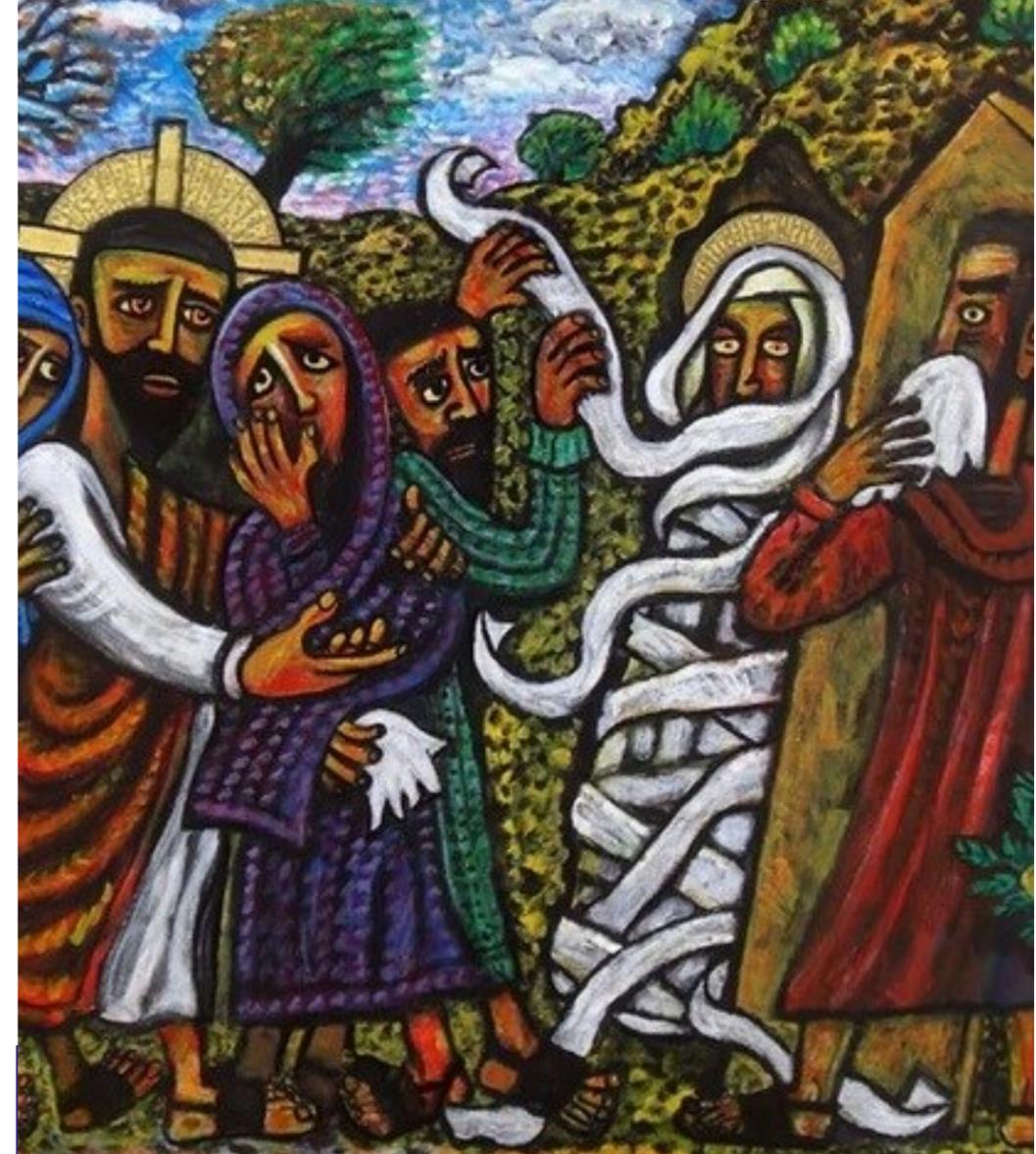
God calls First Presbyterian Church to reflect Christ as we strive to:  
 Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth, joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith, reach out to serve and include our diverse community,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

February 22, 2026 - March 1, 2026

Sunday	
Monday	<b>Salvation Army Monday Serving Team</b>
Tuesday	<b>The Bell Choir Practice</b> , 5:30 PM, Room 214-216 <b>FPC BOOK SERIES</b> , 6:30 PM, Chapel
Wednesday	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> , 7:30 AM. America's Kitchen <b>Meals on Wheels Drivers</b> <b>Lenten Soup &amp; Study</b> , 5:30 PM, fellowship hall <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , 7:00 PM. Choir Room
Thursday	<b>Chancel Ensemble Practice</b> , 6:30 PM, Sanctuary <b>Girls Night Out</b> , 5:30 PM, Hendley Wine Co. <b>Session</b> , 7:00 PM, library
Next Sunday	<b>9:00 Ida Austin Class</b> , online <b>9:15 Quest Bible Study</b> , parlor

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Raising of Lazarus, by Brian Whelan, London, brianwhelanart.com

# First Presbyterian Church

Galveston, Texas

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

*1st Sunday of Lent*

### FPC VISION

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

## PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Lynn Smith, Liturgist

## ADORATION

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as we are, some in joy, some in sorrow.

**We bring our joys and sorrows to God.**

Our God receives us in love and mercy.

**We trust in God's promise of eternal life.**

### \*OPENING HYMN #491

"STAND UP AND BLESS THE LORD"

## CONFESSION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most holy God, we come to you in need of grace. Time and again we have forgotten your simple and loving call—to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. We have forgotten your promise to care for us, and in our fear, we have made choices that hurt us, those around us, and even those we don't know. Remind us who we are and whose we are, and show us the way to amend our wrongs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and friend.**

### A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!

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

### \*GLORIA PATRI #138

**"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, Almighty"**

(vs. 1)

## OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"LET IT RISE"

Chancel Ensemble

### \*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 John 11:1-16 Pg. 978-979

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

### \*HYMN #77

"FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS"

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 11:17-36 pg. 979

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

What Wondrous Love: Love that Weeps