

**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**    Chancel Choir  
 "ALL WE LIKE SHEEP"

**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 #426**  
 "LORD, SPEAK TO ME, THAT I MAY SPEAK"

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand if you are able

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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 8, 2026 - March 15, 2026

Sunday	<b>Mission Ministry Meeting</b> , following worship service, library <b>Evensong</b> , 6:30 PM in the chapel
Monday	<b>Salvation Army Monday Serving Team</b>
Tuesday	<b>The Bell Choir Practice</b> , 5:30 PM, Room 214-216
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> , 6:30 PM. Choir Room
Thursday	<b>Chancel Ensemble Practice</b> , 6:30 PM, Sanctuary <b>Girls Night Out</b> , 5:30 PM, Social Tap (811 21st Street)
Next Sunday	<b>9:00 Ida Austin Class</b> , online <b>9:15 Quest Bible Study</b> , parlor <b>Dan Klein, Guest Preacher</b>

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Ohara Koson, "Rooster and Hen at Sunrise," 1912, Japan.

**First Presbyterian Church**

Galveston, Texas

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

**FPC VISION**

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

## PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Hawkins, Liturgist

## ADORATION

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We call upon our God.

**We know our God hears and answers.**

We bring our cares to God.

**Our God shows us steadfast love.**

### \*OPENING HYMN #260

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

## CONFESSION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess to You, our Lord and Savior, that we have betrayed and denied you, forgotten and doubted you. When we see injustice in the world, we often stand by, we turn our backs, we ignore the cries of others. We confess that again and again we deny you and betray you with our silence when we fail to proclaim your Good News, when we fail to live out your teachings and love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Forgive us, O God, and help us to truly repent. Help us to remember your sacrifice and your love, and to know your forgiveness. In the name of the One who lived, who was crucified, and who lives again, Jesus the Messiah, we pray. 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

### \*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 18:12-18 Pg. 986

<sup>12</sup> So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.”

<sup>18</sup> Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

### \*HYMN #80

“JESUS WALKED THIS LONESOME VALLEY”

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:19-27

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<sup>19</sup> Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup> One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SERMON