

OPENING PRAYER:**Grace Laird**

Merciful God, we embrace this season of Lent as we prepare again to walk with Jesus to the cross. Speak to us, we pray, the solemn truth of Christ's passion. Remind us that there is no life without death, no communion without separation, no glory without suffering. Give us courage and faith to receive these difficult truths and to align our hearts and lives with them. May we choose to lose our lives so that we may gain them; to endure the pain of separation that we might enjoy the fellowship of all your saints; to enter Christ's suffering by entering the suffering of your children on earth that we may one day share in your eternal glory. For the sake of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Darwall's 148th" arr. Ritter
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT: God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Grace Laird

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

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People: Bring us your life and your peace.

Leader: Grant us your wisdom and your comfort.

People: Grace us with your constant presence.

Leader: Open us to discern God's leading.

People: Empower us to follow Christ's way.

Leader: Equip us to do your will, for we are your people.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

***HYMN #66:** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Grace Laird

O God, how quickly we walk into Lent with enthusiasm and vigor. We are determined to reach Easter as a true Easter people, full of hope and intent on charity and kindness and love. But, somewhere along the way, our steps falter. Our pace slackens. We trudge along with slumped shoulders, and our gait becomes uneven. Soon we are only plodding, one foot in front of the other, and our hearts become as heavy as our feet. Forgive us, God. Stir us with a rushing wind that we might look up from the ground to the majesty of the trees, dancing in the wind. Let the breeze carry with it a whispered reminder that you walk with us, even to the end of time. Force us to step more lively and breathe deeply that we might reawaken the gift of the Holy Spirit within us. Help us to move forward as we walk toward Jerusalem ... and beyond. Amen.

KYRIE: Hear, our prayer, O Lord,
Hear, our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Attendance Pad at the end of the pews. This allows the church to be in touch with you and for you to greet your neighbor by name during the passing of peace during the service.

THANK YOU - I want to thank you all for all the prayers for me going into, during and after my surgery last week. You are all an amazing, caring congregation! Thanks also for the snacks, food and offers of help. Glad to be on the other side of this "adventure" **Jill.**

Upcoming Holiday Worship Services:

Palm Sunday Service – March 29th - 10am

Maundy Thursday Service – April 2nd at 7pm

Easter Sunday Service – April 5th - 10am

April Communion Sunday – April 12th - 10am

CHECK YOUR INFORMATION - We are asking that you check your general contact information to be sure it is updated and correct. There will be a table in the Social Hall with a print out of what we currently have. Please make any changes so that our new Church software is correct.

EASTER FLOWERS - We are taking orders through **Sunday, March 29th.**

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST - Christian Education and Parish Life are sponsoring our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast on **Sunday, March 29th.** We will be coloring eggs and having an egg hunt after breakfast (this will be instead of an egg hunt on Easter Sunday). If you have any questions, please see *Jill Juengel or Pat Bartleson.*

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE & CELEBRATION, March 29th - Come directly to the Social Hall. We will be given our Palms and continue by marching and singing into the Sanctuary.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - On Palm Sunday, **Sunday, March 29th** we will take up a collection for One Great Hour of Sharing. There will be special envelopes available. Thank you for your support. You will be hearing more about the ministry of this special offering of support throughout the Lenten Season.

APRIL COMMUNION - The April Communion Service has been **re-scheduled for April 12th.**

ARCADIA CHORAL - NEPA BACH FESTIVAL, SCRANTON - On **Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00pm** at Covenant Presbyterian Church with a choral-orchestral concert featuring Arcadia Chorale and the Arcadia Festival Orchestra. The program includes Schubert songs, Bach's Cantata 196, Der Herr denket an uns (BWV 196), and Antonio Vivaldi's Dixit Dominus (RV 595). For more information, please see *Matthew Rupcich.*

TAGS & TREASURES - Plans are underway for our annual Tags and Treasures event and while the date is still to be determined please start earmarking all those items you would like to donate and we will let you know when to bring them to the church as we get closer to the May time frame. We will also be seeking volunteers to help us pre-sort and organize the donated items. If you have any questions please reach out to *Bill Rockafellow, Karen Lutz or Kika Dyson.*

ATTENTION COMMUNITY - If you know someone who is hearing challenged and would like to enjoy worshipping with First Presbyterian Church, please have them contact the church office. We are able to make arrangements with a Sunday Interpreter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Cont'd.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE - July 26th - August 1st. Attention all high school youth which includes rising 9th graders through graduated seniors from the congregations of Mountain Laurel Presbytery. The Presbytery is sponsoring a trip to Montreat Youth Conference, NC late this summer. **The cost of the trip is \$500.** To Register use the following link - <https://fpcallentown.org/montreat2026> . **Registration Deadline is March 22, 2026.** For further information you can contact *Rev. Hall at 620-395-3781.*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 23rd
9:00: Staff Meeting
11:00am: Small Group Monday
12:00pm: AA Meeting

Thursday, March 26th
11:00am: Bible Study

Saturday, March 28th
Good News Café

Tuesday, March 24th
10am: Handbell Choir
11am: Chancel Choir
6:00pm: Session Meeting

Sunday, March 29th
Palm Sunday
10:00am: Worship

Wednesday, March 25th
12:00pm: AA Meeting
5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts
6:30pm: Prayer Group

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS – MARCH & APRIL

March Liturgist	March Usher	Maundy Thursday – Communion Servers
3/22: Grace Laird	3/22: John & Sue Ehlers	(April 2nd)
3/29: Jim Mould	3/29: Kika Dyson & Jill Juengel	Set Up & Clean Up: Ann Marie Grilk Servers: Heather & Chris Caruso
April Liturgist	April Ushers	April – Communion Servers
4/2: <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	4/2: Chris & Heather Caruso	(April 12th)
4/5: Edward & Anthony Kiesendahl	4/5: TBD	Set Up & Clean Up: Robert Pinkney
4/12: Jennifer Kiesendahl	4/12: Sue Goldbach & Dave Smith	Servers: Robert Pinkney Pat Bartleson Sherry Milliken Bill Chicoski Kathleen Roberts
4/19: Sherry Milliken	4/19: Grace & Herb Laird	
4/26: Kathy Smith	4/26: TBD	

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 3/22/2026

*Prayers for Ray R., Bill C.'s uncle.
*Prayers for Jill J. who is recovering from surgery.
*Prayers for John E.'s mother who is scheduled for back surgery.
*Prayers for Al M., friend of Jim M., who lost his dad.
*Prayers for Rev. Carl W.
*Prayers for Lynne Stack's daughter, Donna.
*Prayers for John, Virginia R.'s grandson.
*Prayers for Nancy B.
*Prayers for Nick, Patrick F.'s nephew.
*Prayers for Daniel.
*Prayers for Jeremy, friend of Pat S.
*Prayers for Missy, Pat B.'s daughter.
*Prayers for Steve, Joe J.'s brother-in-law.
*Prayers for Bryan, Kathy & Dave S.'s son.
*Prayers for Phyllis N.
*Prayers for Joe J.'s great-nephew, Jackson.
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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Grace Laird

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Praise the Lord Amen.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN #720:**

(verse 3)

“Jesus Calls Us”

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Grace Laird

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Grace Laird

SECOND LESSON:

Romans 8:6-11

Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION:

**Spirit of God
Chancel Choir**

Strommen

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON:

“Rolling Out Of Bed”

Rev. Mark Juengel

***HYMN #305:**

“Come Sing, O Church in Joy!”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY:

**Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Adele Harrison, organ**

Livingston

***DOXOLOGY:**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(using debts and debtors)

***HYMN #291:**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

“Irish Blessing”

Traditional

**May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, until we meet again.
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.**

POSTLUDE:

**Fantasy in A Minor
Adele Harrison, organ**

Broughton

*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

“Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith”



March 22, 2026

10 AM



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*“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.”
Romans 8:6-11*

Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer let us move from “getting to church” to “being the church” as we worship together.