

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*  
*March 16, 2025*  
*Second Sunday in Lent*



— *Gathering* —

**Welcome**

**Introit**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Beth Evans

**Opening Sentences**

*The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?*

*We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide your face from us!*

*Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!*

*Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.*

*We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!*

**Prayer of the Day**

*Holy God, though we continue to stumble, you have made us citizens of heaven.*

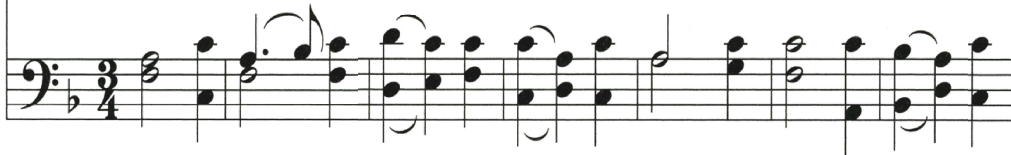
*Through Christ you have claimed us and transformed us by your glory.*

*How wonderful you are, O God! By the power of your Spirit,  
empower us to steadfast faithfulness as your beloved children. Amen.*

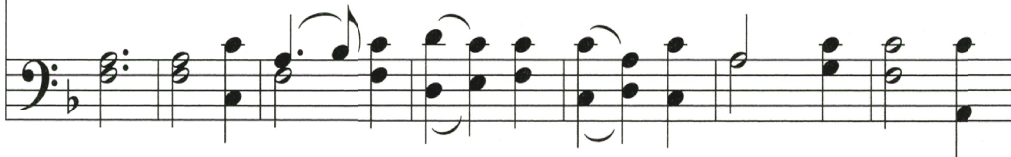
# 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor  
stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,



thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

**Confession and Pardon**

**Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you. Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen**

**\*Passing Christ's Peace**

# 635 Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord

## *Laudate Dominum*

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.  
*Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num,*

Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!  
*om - nes gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia!*

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**Children's Sermon**

Lori Wolford

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

*Have mercy, O God; hear our prayer.*

**Anthem**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Beth Evans

— *Word* —

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

Gospel Reading

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 13:31–35

**Sermon**

*Lament*

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Traditional Apostles' Creed

**\*Dedication of Our Offerings**

— *Sending* —

**\*Hymn #223**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

**\*Blessing and Charge**

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**Church Office Hours**

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
Closed on Friday

**Our Elders**

Class of 2025: Jerry Reynolds, Leah Robinson, Keith Spong  
Class of 2026: Barbara Caudill, Bruce Cook, John Morrison, Lesa Shelton  
Class of 2027: Caryl Birstler, Clark Stillwell, Lynnette Strickland

**Our Deacons**

Class of 2025: Pedro Fuentes, Amanda Morrison  
Class of 2026: Ray Birstler, Donna Dublo, Toni Scott  
Class of 2027: Terri Christoffers, Jacob Gleason, Ron Shafer

**WORSHIP FLOWERS**

Today, worship flowers are given anonymously.  
May this Lent season lead you to realize how much you are loved by God.

**Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages**

Infants and Pre-K	CE Hall, Room 2	Ms. Vicki
Elementary (K-5)	CE Hall, Room 4	Ms. Mary Beth
Adult Sunday School	Library	Pastor Lou Ellen Hartley
Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)	CE Hall, Room 5 5:30 p.m.	Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron



# SPECIAL OFFERINGS

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We will be taking up the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on **Easter Sunday**. This special offering of the PC(USA) is used to support three key ministries of the church: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. In order to prepare for the offering, you can find prayer calendars the Ask Me Desk or at this link to the PC(USA) web site:

<https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/202412/OGHS25%20childrens%20calendar%208.5x11%20web.pdf>. These prayer calendars highlight the ways in which the offering is used, lifts up prayer concerns, and raises awareness. Please be sure to check it out!

### **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

The Cahal Dunne Concert that was schedule for March 16<sup>th</sup> is **cancelled**. However, we are having a St. Paddy's Dinner following the 10:00 a.m. service. We are serving cottage pie (shepherd's pie with beef) and strawberries for dessert. If anyone would like to bring something to go with them, that would be great!

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STUDYING THE PSALMS FOR LENT**

Join us in the Library through Lent as we study the Psalms associated with the season. Pastor Lou Ellen is teaching the class using the book, *Pause*, by Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell.

### **GATHERED UP!**

Is meeting every Sunday at 5:30 for worship and a potluck dinner. Join us for a time of casual and interactive worship. As we move through Lent, we will be trying different ways of engaging scripture through the arts, prayer, and movement. Join us and be sure to invite a friend.

### **CUB UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Souper Bowl food drive. We sent 245 pounds of food over to Citrus United Basket! **This month, they need spaghetti sauce, cereal, and tuna Hamburger Helper**. If you would like to contribute to this mission, there is a spot for CUB in the new cabinet/sign-up desk in the narthex.

### **WORSHIP FLOWERS – DATES AVAILABLE IN APRIL**

If you would like to honor someone special by ordering worship flowers for the Sanctuary, we have several Sundays open in April. Two arrangements are just \$37.00. Sign up at the Ask-Me-Desk and drop your check in the offering plate. Be sure to note "Worship Flowers (date)" on the memo line of your check.

### **JOINING THE CHURCH**

Have you been visiting for a while and want to call First Presbyterian your new church home? If you do, please let us know by filling out the card in your pew and dropping it in the offering plate, or by letting Pastor Lou Ellen know. We'd love to have you join us!

### **ANCHORED YOUTH GROUP PROJECT**

Today, during our Gathered Up! service at 5:30 p.m., our youth will be packing for Blessings in a Backpack, to provide much needed food for children in need over Spring Break. We are proud to be part of this ministry, which makes such a positive impact on our community.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, March 16, 2025

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School-Library
- 10:00 Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 Children's Sunday School-CE Wing
- 11:00 Special Called Session Meeting - Library
- 11:00 Worship Committee
- 11:00 St. Paddy's Dinner – FH
- 5:30 Anchored - Packing with Blessings
- 5:30 Gathered Up Service – FH

### Monday, March 17, 2025

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, March 18, 2025

- \*8:30 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 2:00 Finance Committee - Library

### Wednesday, March 19, 2025

- \*8:30 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting

### Thursday, March 20, 2025

- 8:30 Blessings
- 10:00 Thursday Bible Study – Library
- 11:30 – 1:30 Inverness Rotary Board - Library
- 12:00 – 3:00 Craft Group – Youth Room
- 6:30 GenX Night Out

### Friday, March 21, 2025

- 11:00 Celebration of Life for Donald Martin Black  
Reception following

### Saturday, March 22, 2025

- \*10:00 -11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 2:00 Celebration of Life for Paul A. Perregaux  
Reception following

### Sunday, March 23, 2025

- Lori Wolford Preaching*
- 9:00 Adult Sunday School-Library
- 10:00 Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 Children's Sunday School-CE Wing
- 5:30 Gathered Up Service – FH

\*Outside Group

FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

# Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

*Russ Hackett*



Please Mark Your Calendars

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11:00 AM

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