

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*

*March 23, 2025*

*Third Sunday in Lent*



**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Introit**

*How Majestic Is Your Name*

Chancel Choir

**Opening Sentences**

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God;

**I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;**

My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

**When I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night,**

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.  
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines of each system.

## Confession and Pardon

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

## \*Pass Christ's Peace

Peace be with you. And also with you.

**\*Praise # 635**

*Sing Praise and Bless the Lord*

**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**

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**  
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

**Anthem**

*Holy, Holy, Holy/We Worship You*

Chancel Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

**Epistle**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Gospel**

Luke 13:1-9

**Old Testament**

Isaiah 55:1-9

**Sermon**

*Bring on the Glimmers!*

Lori Wolford

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Traditional Apostles' Creed

**\*Dedication of the Offering**

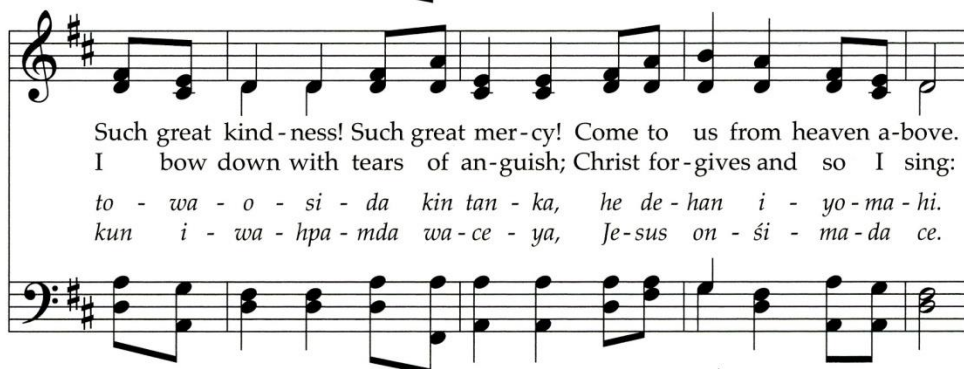
\*Hymn #441

# Hear the Good News of Salvation 441

*Wotanin waste nahon po*



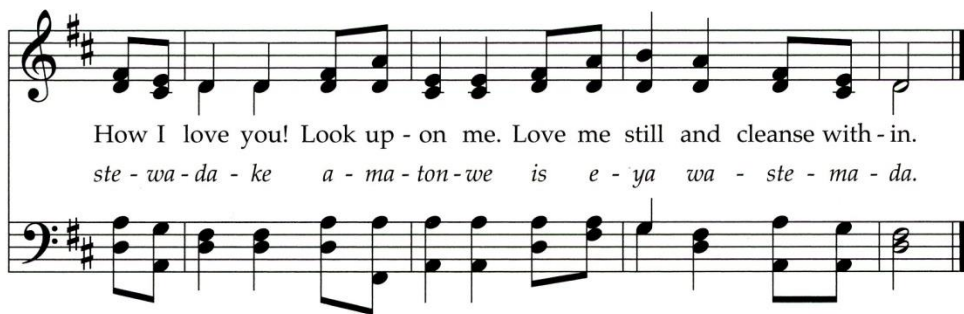
1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.  
2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.  
1 *Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:*  
2 *Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,*



Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.  
I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:  
*to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.*  
*kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - si - ma - da ce.*



Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!  
*Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -*



How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.  
*ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.*

**\*Blessing and Charge**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

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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**

Worship flowers are given by Keith and Julie Spong in memory of Terri Spong and Steven Ekali; always in our hearts and prayers.

In Loving memory of Don Black by Beverly Black.

**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

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. **We will receive the offering on Easter Sunday.** And remember, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in life's most challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- Although Vicki Oorbeck, our nursery attendant, is out of town for the next couple of Sundays because of a death in the family, the nursery is open if you wish to stay with your child and tend to their needs.
- Pastor Hartley will be on vacation this week. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Dr. Dennis Bennett.
- THANK YOU to everyone who made a special offering to our Infants in Need ministry. Your donations will help young mothers in need.

### 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

**This month**, Citrus United Basket **needs 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.

### JOINING OUR 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!

### 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.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### 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

11:00 Special Called Session Meeting - Library

5:30 Gathered Up Service – FH

### Monday, March 24, 2025

### Tuesday, March 25, 2025

\*8:30 Blessings

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

5:30 Deacons Meeting

### Wednesday, March 26, 2025

\*8:30 Blessings

10:00-12:00 Rock of Agers Game Day - FH

### Thursday, March 27, 2025

8:30 Blessings

12:00 – 3:00 Craft Group – Youth Room

### Friday, March 28, 2025

### Saturday, March 29, 2025

\*10:00 -11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 30, 2025

*Lori Wolford Preaching at Grace St. Mark's  
Presbyterian in Spring Hill*

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

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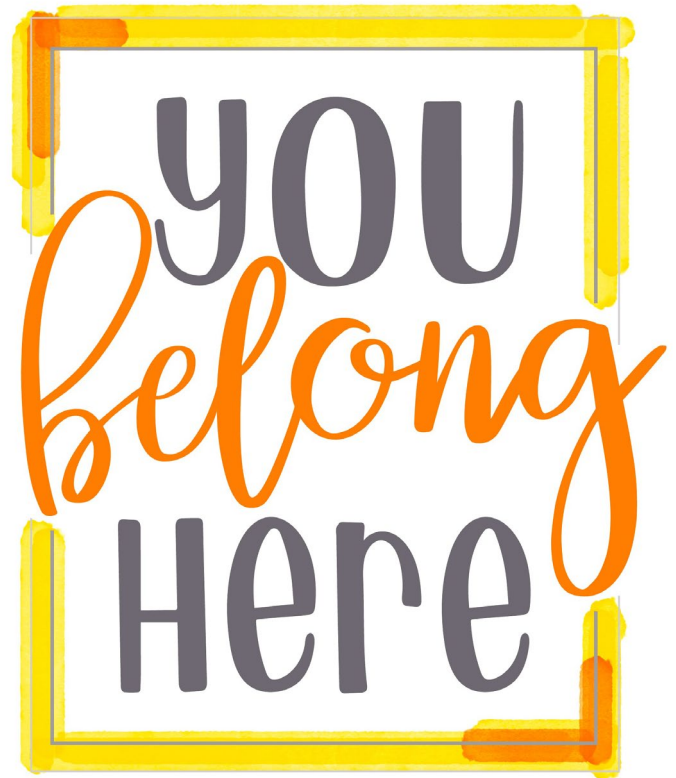
# Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

### Ushers

*Robert Ramsey*

*Jerry Reynolds*



Isn't it time you joined First  
Presbyterian Church?

We would love for you to join  
our family!

