

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 30, 2025*



— *Gathering* —

**Welcome**

**Introit**

*If That Isn't Love*

Nancy Anderson  
Chris Hogarth  
Lynnette Strickland

**Opening Sentences**

Happy are those who are honest with God.

**Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.**

Therefore, let all who are faithful, offer prayer to the Lord in times of distress.

**For God is our refuge and protects us in times of trouble.**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

**Let us shout for joy! Let us worship God!**

**Prayer of the Day**

Loving God, like the prodigal son, we have recognized the error of our ways.

In this season of Lent, we have reflected on our deep need for you, and we are seeking to return to you. We give thanks that you run out to meet us as a loving parent would. Help us to trust your love enough to continue returning. Amen.

\*Hymn #634

*To God Be the Glory*

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

**\*Confession and Pardon**

**Holy God, we confess that we keep silent when we should speak. We see iniquity and the injustices of the world, yet are content not to call them out. We withhold kind words, yet are quick to speak in judgment. Forgive us, O God. Direct the way we should go and help us to use our voices to spread your grace and truth. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.**

**\*Passing Christ's Peace**

**\*Musical Response**

*Sing Praise and Bless the Lord*

**Children's Sermon**

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

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

### Anthem

*Surely The Presence of the Lord is In This Place*

Nancy Anderson  
Chris Hogarth  
Lynnette Strickland

— *Word* —

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture

##### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32

*The Voice Translation*

How happy is the one whose wrongs are forgiven, whose sin is hidden *from sight*.<sup>2</sup> How happy is the person whose sin the Eternal will not take into account. How happy are those who no longer lie, to themselves or others.

<sup>3</sup> **When I refused to admit my wrongs, I was *miserable*, moaning and complaining all day long so that even my bones felt brittle.** <sup>4</sup> **Day and night, Your hand kept pressing on me. My strength dried up *like water* in the summer heat; You wore me down.**

<sup>5</sup> **When I finally saw my own lies, I owned up to my sins before You, and I did not try to hide my evil deeds from You. I said to myself, “I’ll admit all my sins to the Eternal,” and You lifted and carried away the guilt of my sin.**

<sup>6</sup> **So let all who are devoted to You speak honestly to You now, while You are still listening. For then when the floods come, surely the rushing water will not even reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> **You are my hiding place. You will keep me out of trouble and envelop me with songs that remind me I am free.**

<sup>8</sup> I will teach you and tell you the way to go and how to get there; I will give you good counsel, and I will watch over you. <sup>9</sup> But don’t be stubborn and stupid like horses and mules who, if not reined by leather and metal, will run wild, ignoring their masters.

<sup>10</sup> Tormented and empty are wicked and destructive people, but the one who trusts in the Eternal is wrapped tightly in His gracious love. <sup>11</sup> Express your joy; be happy in Him, you who are good and true. Go ahead, shout and rejoice aloud, you whose hearts are honest and straightforward.

### Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

### Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### Sermon

*Grace*

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

### \*Affirmation of Faith

Traditional Apostles’ Creed

— *Thanksgiving* —

### \*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #649

*Amazing Grace (verses 1, 2, 5)*

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see,  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home,  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures,  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

**Blessing and Charge**

**Church Staff and Contact Information**  
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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 Laura Morrow, in appreciation of the awesome staff that I get to work with every day.

**Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages**

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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<br>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.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Easter egg hunt will be on **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** We will have a light breakfast with the Easter Bunny, followed by the egg hunt. Please plan to join us and invite your friends, family, and neighbors, who have small children. The egg hunt is open to infants through children in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### 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

**In the month of March, 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 MAY

If you would like to honor someone special by ordering worship flowers for the Sanctuary, **we have Sundays available in May.** 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 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

### Monday, March 31, 2025

5:30 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, April 1, 2025

\*8:30 Blessings

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

2:00 Session Meeting - Library

### Wednesday, April 2, 2025

\*8:30 Blessings

4:30 Singles Eating Together - Outback

### Thursday, April 3, 2025

8:30 Blessings

9:00 Staff Meeting

12:00 – 3:00 Craft Group – Youth Room

### Friday, April 4, 2025

### Saturday, April 5, 2025

\*9:00 Relief Share - FH

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

### Sunday, April 6, 2025

*Communion Sunday*

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

5:30 Anchored – Youth Room

\*Outside Group

FH = Fellowship Hall

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# Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

*Frank & Donna Dublo*

