

GATHERING

Loving God, as I enter into the gift of this day, I trust that you are with me. May I see signs and wonders of your presence in the world today? I ask that this day afford me opportunities to celebrate and share with others the abundance of your grace and love. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

O Divine Redeemer

C. Gounod

Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos, violin

Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy! Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from Thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid, Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, Tho' righteous Thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O Regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.

O Divine Redeemer! O Divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Forgive me, O divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; fearful I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry, Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy; Hear my cry! Come and save me, O Lord! O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, And remember not, O Lord, my sins! Save, in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God! O, divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We will take some of the first fruit of our labor,

and offer it to the Lord.

Because of this offering,

we will remember the goodness of God, and trust in his future care.

*** HYMN 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

KYRIE (HYMN 551)

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 82

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

J. Rutter

Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos, violin

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; Where there is hatred, Let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy; And all for thy mercy's sake O divine Master Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)

* **HYMN 213**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 198

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Our Citizenship Is In Heaven

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance

F. Crosby

Dr. Russell Robinson, voice & guitar

arr R. Robinson

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

* **DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.)

(Gluten-Free Bread)

SENDING

* **HYMN 223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

What Wondrous Love Is This

L. Larson

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

ELDER ON DUTY: Geoff Spiegel

ACOLYTE: Travis Fosser

EMERITUS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHAPEL USHER: Tom Chamberlain; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Kim de Fretes, Jack Harling, Dink Henderson

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Emily Hoyer from Kate, Alexis, and Nick Vellis.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. You can find a "Three Steps to Membership" card with information about how to join the church in the pew racks. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Leon & Jayne Fox, and Carol Hayes-Christiansen. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults
Pastor

Carol Israel
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson
Treasurer

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Joe Mueller
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Geoff Spiegel
Alexis Vellis
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Perry Foote
Andy Greer
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Susannah Peddie
Dick Rauber
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Colin Conerly
BarBee Geiger
Evelyn Lewis
Coleen O'Brien
Rose Anna Rutledge
Eileen Stephens
Rick Young

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Fred Lewis

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Mimi Gray
Dean Schoenfeld
Jane Smith

Class of 2027
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Mimi Carr
Bob Tucker
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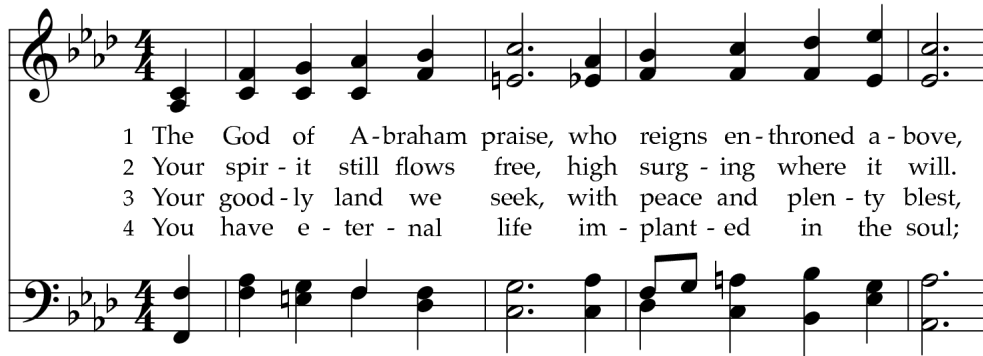
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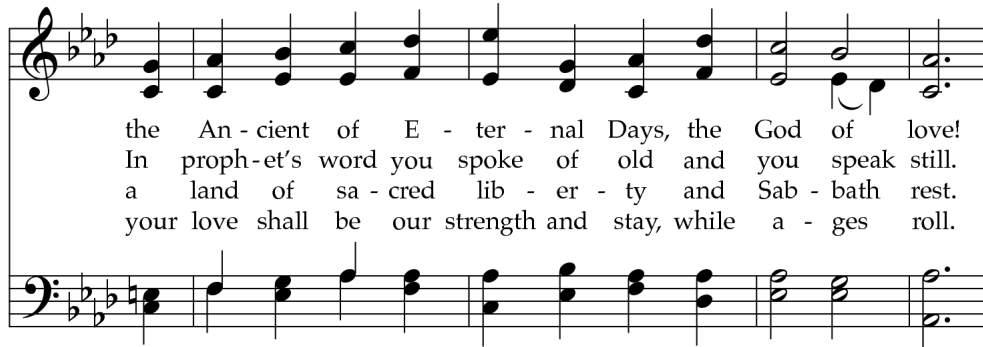
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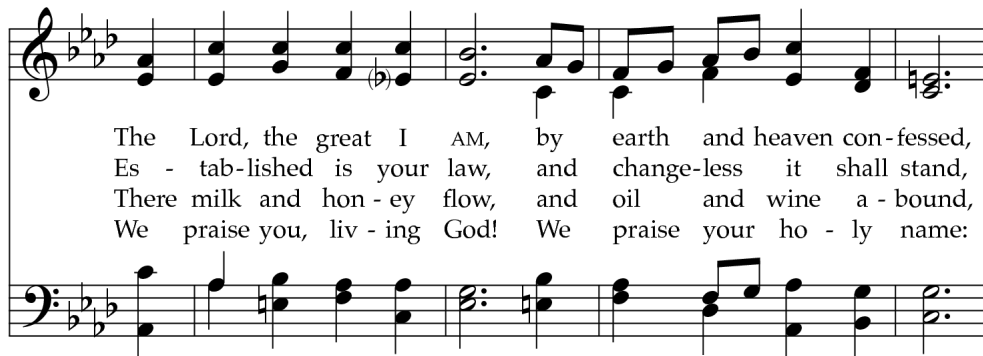
49 The God of Abraham Praise



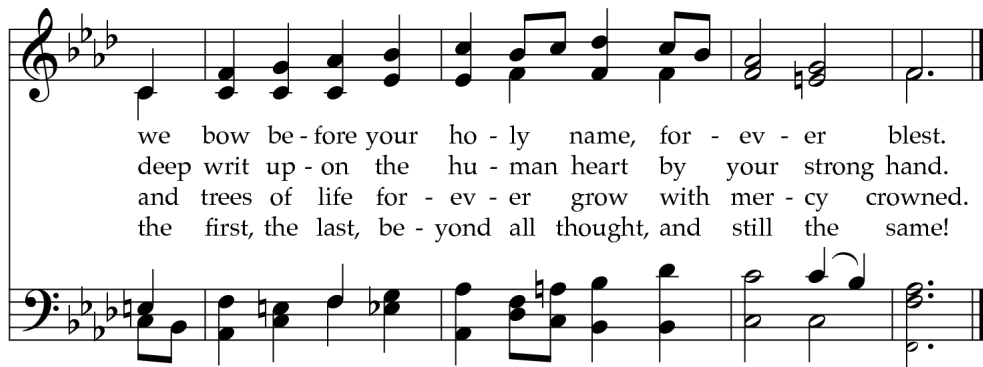
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph - et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NRSV)

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

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.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

Ministry Highlights

Visit our growing website
for more about our church
and ministries.



40 Days of Caring

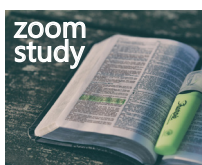
During this Lenten season, as we focus on what Christ has done for us in His death and resurrection, let us also share with others who are in need. We are collecting food for Gainesville Community Ministries and soft-sided Bibles (used or new, but no writing inside) to distribute at the Alachua County Jail. We have a blue bin in Gordon Hall for your donations. You may also provide donations or gift cards (Walmart, Target, or gas cards) for Family Promise and St. Francis House. Please label and place in the offering or bring to the church office. Thank you!

Save the Dates for Family Promise Hosting: March 30 – April 5. More details and a Sign-Up Genius coming soon!



Concert for a Cause - The Concordia Choir (Moorhead, Minn)

Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs perform Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Michael Culloton conducts the 70-voice a cappella choir in a varied concert ranging from Renaissance motets to contemporary choral works. They will be joined by the Gainesville High School Choir and the Gainesville Youth Chorus. A free-will offering will be received to benefit Gainesville Community Ministry.



Feel Left Out of Bible Study?

It's not too late to join the lunch hour Zoom Bible study sponsored by Presbyterian Women on Wednesdays from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Our topic is *Who is Jesus?* by Judy Yates Siker which looks closely at the life of Jesus through the four Gospels. (Men are welcome to join the group.) Leave contact info at the church office (352) 378-1527 to receive a Zoom link.



Join Our Hands-On Team

The Property Committee is seeking volunteers/members to assist with the upkeep and care of our church grounds. Whether you have a green thumb, enjoy light repairs, or simply want to lend a helping hand, there's a task for you. Reach out to John Rayl at png.1stpc@gmail.com. Your service will go a long way in making our church a safe and welcoming place for all who visit.

Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers for all this week's ministry events or print one from the weekly invite email. Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.

Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 3/2	170
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$38,129
Received Week of 3/2/25	\$15,832
Weekly Offering	\$11,003
Designated Offerings	\$1,273
Other Revenue	\$3,556
Preschool	--
FPC Fiscal Year: July 2024-June 2025	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,334,510
YTD Received	\$1,172,605
YTD Expenses	\$1,195,210


Online Contributions



Visit our website, www.1stpc.org, to make an online donation. Click the GIVE button at the top of the page. You can contribute to the General Budget or use the drop-down menu, change to Other, and specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba.



T-Coil installed in the sanctuary, and Hearing Assist devices available in the Narthex.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 **now from 9-10 a.m.** for our televised broadcast  or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

Current Worship video and audio as well as archives at 1stpc.org

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Ministries

At **First Presbyterian Preschool**, children are fully prepared for school in a caring, Christian environment. Classes are offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early Childhood Accredited.

Our **Children and Youth Ministries** provide a multi-generational approach of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents to lead children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Nursery Care during worship for children 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. Contact: Jenna Mueller - jdmueller2009@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are released from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith. After the service, families meet in Gordon Hall. Contact: Evelyn Lewis - citytr122@gmail.com

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for 6 p.m. dinner at dvloedman@aol.com.

Youth Connection meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12.

Our **College Ministry** seeks to launch students into a life of pursuing Christ, trusting in Him, and growing with others. Join us for Sunday worship & lunch and Tuesday Bible study. Bring a friend!

Young Adult & Family Ministry (YA&FM) is for marrieds and singles, with or without kids, in grad school or in vocation. We gather for Bible Studies and to get to know each other better and would love the chance to do life with you.

With choirs for ages three and above, our **Music Ministry** welcomes everyone to sing or ring and to dedicate their music to God. Our concert season includes Concerts for a Cause, which support local and global mission partners.

Staff

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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Daylight Saving Time Begins
First Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: 1 John 3 - Serendipity Rinonos - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Lent - Room 201
- 9:30 a.m. Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room

Monday, March 10, 2025

- 10:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study - Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee - Zoom/Room 217
- 7:30 p.m. Human Resource Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- 5:30 a.m. YA&FM Men's Bible Study - Starbucks
- 2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Property Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. Trustees - Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Commission - Zoom
- 12:15 p.m. Zoom Bible Study - *Who Is Jesus?*
Questions? Contact Betsy Berry - betsypwberry@gmail.com
- 7:00 p.m. Concert for a Cause: The Concordia Choir, MN

Thursday, March 13, 2025

- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Young Professionals Bible Study - Fresh Kitchen

Friday, March 14, 2025

- 5:00 p.m. Summer Bugle Deadline

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: 1 John 4 - Bob Bailey - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Lent - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217