



First Presbyterian Church
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March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent
“How Are We Called To Love During Lent”

10:00 AM

Living Matthew 25:

Rooted in Christ, Living Boldly, Serving with Compassion

GATHERING

* = Please stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship! Visitors, please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate. Please ***remember to turn off all devices as we worship God.***

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

“*Panis Angelicus*”

Cesar Franck

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, we join together with people of faith everywhere proclaiming your faithfulness and love. Your arms of mercy and compassion are always with us. Help us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit as we worship and hear your word. All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Based off Psalm 66

One: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

All: Sing praises to the glory of God’s name!

One: Say to God: “How awesome are your works!”

All: All the earth worships you, sings praises to you, sings praises to your name!

One: Come and see God’s deeds.

All: God rules with power forever; keeps a good eye on the nations. Amen.

* HYMN # Blue 482

“*Praise Ye, The Lord, The Almighty*”

Joachim Neander

RESPONSIVE PRAYER SEEKING GOD’S GRACE

From the Diocese of Ogdensburg

One: We come before our God, who is full of compassion, to ask forgiveness and mercy. When in our excesses we consume more than our share while others go with basic needs unmet:

All: Forgive us, merciful God.

One: When we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern:

All: Forgive us, merciful God.

One: When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need:

All: Forgive us, merciful God.

One: When possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love:

All: Forgive us, merciful God.

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE (Sung in unison) HYMN # Blue 572 “*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*”

John Merbecke

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us, Christ Have Mercy Upon Us, Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the Peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

RESPONSIVE HYMN # Blue 343

“*Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*”

John Zundel

TIME FOR MISSION

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

p. 571

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

p. 18

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Changing How We See, Not What We See”

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

* HYMN # Blue 399

“We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight”

Samuel McFarland

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

“In Remembrance”

arr. Tom Fettke

* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (In unison)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, They will be done on earth at it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Administered by Intinction

Please approach by way of the center aisle, moving to one of the stations on the left or right of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Dip the bread into the cup (grape juice on the inside) and consume it. Return by way of either side aisle to be seated in your pew. Elements will be brought to anyone who cannot come forward. A gluten/egg free option is available. Please do not drink from the chalice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

* HYMN # Blue 356

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Robert Robinson

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Passacaglia”

arr. Gordon Young

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville

Pastor: The Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner

Chancel Choir

Usher: Leslie Smith-Ficaro

Please Welcome our Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, President of Louisville Seminary, he has a successful record in both higher education and ecumenical parish ministry—a record defined by Innovation, Energy, and Joyful Communication. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Andrew is a graduate of three Presbyterian schools: Alma College (2001), Princeton Theological Seminary (2007), Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2018), focusing on Reformed Theology in a joint program with the University of Aberdeen. In addition, he holds a certificate in Adaptive Leadership from Michigan State University’s College of Business, an Executive Certificate for Religious Fundraising from the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving at Indiana University, and a certificate in Presidential Leadership Development from CREDO. (see the bulletin board on the bridge for more info).

~Prayer List & Church Announcements~

Hope/Joy

“We thank you, God, for...”

MIKE LYON’S surgery went well. Thanks for your prayers.

Concern

“Loving Lord, we pray for...”

(INSERT YOUR NAME HERE) and lift up to God your needs and concerns.

CLEO JOINER (Pastor Nathaniel’s cousin) Prayers for him and his family as they deal with a medical emergency.

DAN G (Betty Tilly’s family) had extensive thyroid surgery to remove cancer. Pray for good results.

GEORGE BLANK’S tumor is growing; prayers for his health and good results at his follow-up in June.

- in addition to this, George has an infected cornea. Prayers for healing.

GERARD (Betty’s friend’s B-I-L in Germany) was in a horrific car accident and ended up losing both legs. His wife is taking it harder than he is. Prayers for healing and strength.

MIKE STORA- prayers for Mike, Deb and family as they continue to deal with his health challenges.

POMERVILLE FAMILY - please keep the entire family in your prayers as they grieve the passing of their beloved grandmother.

RESIDENTS OF THE NJ STATE FIREMEN’S HOME – pray for their families & caregivers.

“Continued Prayers For Health and Healing”

ARLENE AND DOUG LANGDON, CARL REIDER (friend of Kim Robbin’s & Steve),

CODY (Marilyn Ward’s great grandson), **DEBBIE DIXON** (Meg Meyer’s friend), **DON KEARNEY, GAIL COE, MORGAN**

HANNA (Gail Coe’s grand-daughter).

“Prayers For Those With Cancer...”

BOB DUFFELL (Kim Robbins’ friend’s dad), **CAROLYN TARDIF** (Meg Meyer’s friend),

DAVID (Betty Tilly’s friend’s son), **EINAR BORGSTROM, EMMIE** (Evelyn’s great niece),

FRED LAYMAN (Marisa Crozier’s friend), **GENE SARDONI** (Judy Caggiano’s friend),

GEORGE HORNICKEL (the Blank’s cousin), **JOHN ENRIGHT** (Jack Thompson’s friend), **MARISA LAPLACA** (Bea Beatty’s coworker), **MAX** (food pantry volunteer’s son-in-law),

MILES (Trish Herrera’s friends’ grandson), **NEIR** (The Troiani’s friend), **RICHARD ANDERSON** (Jessica Beatty’s friend’s father), **ROBERT NERLINE, SR., TERESA** (Leslie Smith-Ficaro’s friend).

“And God Shall Wipe Away the Tears...”

AMY MCCAULY (a prominent member of the community) passed away 2/15. Prayers for her friends and family.

ELLEN CORBACK, former member, passed away in Maryland near her son on 2/6. Prayers for the family

JANE (COOK) PARSA (faithful, devoted Gateway and Loaves and Fishes volunteer) lost her battle with cancer. Pray for the Parsa family during this difficult time.

JASON (JAY) EVELETH, longtime member and loved by all, passed away 2/2 at the age of 92. Services are being planned by the family. Cards of condolence can be sent to the family at his son’s address: Scott Eveleth, 340 Lafayette Avenue, Chatham, NJ 07928.

JOAN KUHN (Doris Yanez’s mother) passed away 2/2 at the age of 94. Services were held last week. Cards of condolence can be sent to Doris and family at 703 Cornelia Street, Boonton, NJ 07005.

LINDA GARVIN (friend of the Croziers) passed suddenly on 2/8. Prayers of support for her husband Jim and family.

Announcements

MISSION

BILL AND VIVIAN LOWTHER SCHOLARSHIP - Completed applications are due to the church office TODAY.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP - The Deacons are offering a \$400 scholarship for any youth of our congregation (members' children/grandchildren/relatives), who are interested in attending a week of summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg this summer. Please reach out to Martel Roberts if you are interested in taking advantage of this wonderful experience before registering martelroberts@gmail.com

MEAL TRAIN is an opportunity to provide a meal for a person or a family in their time of need. Please email Lois Merritt at loisann139nj@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

MISSIONS We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - Our theme for 2026 is **Fill God's Garden With Love** and **the goal is \$2600**. OGHS funds/supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program which unite us in caring for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable. Donations can be left in the offering plate, given through Breeze or mailed to the church (please put OGHS in the memo or note when giving through Breeze).

WORSHIP

THE REV. NATHANIEL'S INSTALLATION is TODAY at 3pm EST. Please join us for the Installation of the Rev. Nathaniel Fryer as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Boonton, conducted under the authority of the Presbytery of the Highlands. A reception will follow in Reighart Hall.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the congregation in celebration of The Rev. Nathaniel Fryer's installation.

WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED You can sign up on the chart by the bridge doors. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and home-bound each week and bring connection and cheer. The office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and bulletin dedication.

HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS and **PEW PILLOWS** for additional back support, are available during worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance with these.

FAITH FORMATION

A LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA (an ancient Christian practice that has been going on for at least 1,600 years). It is a Latin phrase meaning "divine reading" but don't worry, you don't have to know Latin to be a part of Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is a way of slowing down when reading the Scriptures and engaging the text so that you hear God's word for you. The next meeting will be **3/18 @ 7:00 p.m. in Gateway**.

AFTERNOON PRAYER DURING LENT - These prayer services allow for the exploration of Lenten themes and give congregants a prayerful practice and keep them connected with the church community throughout the week. The next date is this Wednesday **3/4** at 2:30 p. m. in the Sanctuary.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL - *Discipleship in a Divided Age; A Lenten Journey through Matthew's Gospel* is available on our website, will be attached to our weekly newsletter emails and is being emailed DAILY to everyone on our email list. Hard copies available on the bridge.

PRAYER WALL (on the bridge) - a simple yet powerful way to share what's on your heart and lift one another up in faith. We invite you to write a prayer and hang it up. In doing so, you become part of a living tapestry of prayer, where our community joins together in support, compassion, and trust in God's presence. Pens and prayer cards are available in the pews and out on the bridge.

FELLOWSHIP

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

*Please consider **sponsoring or hosting**. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library).

PW MOVIE NIGHT – Friday 3/20. Movie details to follow - plan to arrive at 7pm, the movie will start at 7:15pm. Please mark your calendar, it will be a fun evening and a great discussion!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY DINNERS - Welcome our new pastor into our church family in a small group gathering for a meal at members' homes. The host will reach out to attendees with assignments. A luncheon date at Marilyn Ward's is being planned for March, offering the opportunity to get to know Nathaniel and strengthen personal connections among our church

family. The host provides the main course and guests bring sides, salads, desserts or appetizers for a gathering of good company and delicious food.

PALM BREAKFAST - On March 29th, Congregational Life will be hosting a potluck Palm Sunday breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in Reighart Hall. There will be a sign- up sheet available during coffee hour, for those who would like to bring something to share. Please come and enjoy this time of fellowship during Holy Week, all are welcome.

2026 Per Capita:

The Presbytery 2026 Per Capita fee is \$44 per member.

Paying online is easy via the pulldown menu in Breeze for "Per Capita" or by marking your check "Per Capita". We appreciate prompt payment for this item, as we have already been billed by our Presbytery.

-Stewardship Committee



Breeze online giving code

First Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

March 1st – March 7th

Sunday	Guest Preacher
9:15 – 9:40am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10 – 11am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
11:30am – 12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
3:00 pm	Rev. Nathaniel’s Installation Service
7 – 8pm	AA (Reighart)
Monday	
6 – 10pm	NA -PIC and then Lost and Found Group (Reighart)
7 - 9pm	Cub Scout Pack 201 Committee Meetings (Library)
Tuesday	
6 - 8pm	Deacons in the Library
Wednesday	
2:30-3pm	Afternoon Prayer in the Sanctuary
3 – 6pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
4 – 6pm	Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
4-5pm	OPS Meeting (zoom)
6-8pm	Cub Scout Pack 201 Committee Meetings (Reighart Hall)
Thursday	
6:30 – 8pm	Webelo Den Meeting (Reighart Hall)
6:30 – 7:30pm	Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
Friday	First Friday - Main Street Boonton
Saturday	
8 – 11am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
9 – 11am	Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events

Upcoming Events

Please see our bulletin board on the bridge for upcoming church events,
and the bridge doors for other local events

Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Pastor’s ‘in office’ hours: Mon. – Wed. 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Off Fridays

**Spring is coming! Don’t Forget to Set Your Clocks Ahead
*THIS SATURDAY NIGHT March 7th - Daylight Saving Time Begins 3/8***