

**March 16, 2025; 9:00 am**  
Second Sunday in Lent

## **We Gather Together**

***Welcome** to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

**Prelude: "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"** *arr. by Michael Praetorius*

**Welcome & Announcements** *Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

**Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship** *Scott P.*

We are on a journey of faith. Jesus is our leader and our guide.

**We place our trust in him.**

As the daylight hours grow longer, our journey takes on an urgency.

**We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem**

Do not fear! God goes before us, into Jerusalem, into the world.

**Amen!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray, **AMEN**.

**\*Sung Response: GTG 275 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

*Carol W., Kim M., Kay M., Phyllis M., Joanne M., Cantors*

### **\*Call to Confession**

*Scott P.*

When God called your name, God called you to a journey of faith. Do not be afraid to look inside to see those things which are holding you back from being who God created you to be. Place your trust in God who is always with you, loving you into wholeness. Let us confess our sinful wanderings.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Scott P.*

There is a certain winter in our spirits today, O Lord. We feel that the journey on which we have embarked will demand too much of us. There are so many other things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears. It is easy to be like Jerusalem, turning our backs on those whom you send. The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us for the many times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others.

#### *Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

Heal us, O Lord. **Place us back on your path to Jerusalem, to live boldly in the shelter of your protections, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

When God called your name, God called you to a journey of faith. Do not be afraid to look inside to see those things which are holding you back from being who God created you to be. Know that you are forgiven and place your trust in God who is always with you, loving you into wholeness. **Amen.**

### **\*Sharing God's Peace**

Hear this promise from Colossians 1:20, "Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile all things, by making peace through the blood of the cross."

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

**\*Sung Response: GTG 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs. 1**

## God's Word Is Proclaimed

### **Psalms Reading: Psalm 27 (Common English Bible)**

page 503 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 682 (CEB)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Should I fear anyone?

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life.

Should I be frightened of anything?

**When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up—  
it's they, my foes and my enemies,  
who stumble and fall!**

If an army camps against me,  
my heart won't be afraid.

**If war comes up against me,  
I will continue to trust in this:**

I have asked one thing from the Lord—  
it's all I seek:

**to live in the Lord's house all the days of my life,  
seeing the Lord's beauty  
and constantly adoring his temple.**

Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling  
during troubling times;

**he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent;  
he will set me up high, safe on a rock.**

Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me,  
and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent—  
sacrifices with shouts of joy!  
I will sing and praise the Lord.

**Lord, listen to my voice when I cry out—  
have mercy on me and answer me!  
Come, my heart says, seek God's face.  
Lord, I do seek your face!  
Please don't hide it from me!**

Don't push your servant aside angrily—  
you have been my help!

**God who saves me,  
don't neglect me!  
Don't leave me all alone!**

Even if my father and mother left me all alone,  
the Lord would take me in.

**Lord, teach me your way;  
because of my opponents, lead me on a good path.**

Don't give me over to the desires of my enemies,  
because false witnesses and violent accusers  
have taken their stand against me.

**But I have sure faith  
that I will experience the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living!**

Hope in the Lord!  
**Be strong! Let your heart take courage!  
Hope in the Lord!**

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35 (Common English Bible)**

page 77 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1270 (CEB)

At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."

Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Look, I'm throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. However, it's necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it's impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn't want that. Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won't see me until the time comes when you say, *Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord's name.*" (Ps 118:26)

### **Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

### **HYMN: GTG 213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

### **Sermon: "Which Way Do We Go?"**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

## We Respond to God's Word

### **The Practice of Gratitude**

*In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.*

**Offering Music:** "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

*Handbell Choir*

**\*Offertory: GTG 647 "Give Thanks"**

**\*Offertory and Hygiene Drive Blessing Prayer**

### **Prayers of the People**

<b>Andy L.</b>	Gib D.	Paige T.
Anna J* (Katy J. mom)	Pete D.	Pass Family
Arnold L.	Jesse F.	Pat D.
Bob & Ollive B.	Joan K.* (Marcus A. mom)	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Brian C.	Kathy A* (Kevin B sister)	Paul W.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Kathy G.	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Corinne C.	Liam A.	Sherry M.
Dick and Maryann*	Lynn M.	Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew)
Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson)	Marie L.	

The names in **bold** are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit. If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, in Fond du Lac as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

**\*Sung response: GTG 319 "Men of Faith Rise Up and Sing"**  
(Shout to the North)

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude: "Shout to the North"** *arr. by Phillip Keveren*

## Wednesdays, March 12- April 9



12:15-12:45pm	Worship-In-person at FPC or on Zoom
12:45-1:30pm	Soup/Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (In-person only)
6:30-7:30pm	In-person Gathering with Food and Study at <i>Bob's on the Avenue</i> (689 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac, WI)

This is part of learning to live and share with one another as the Body of Christ. All are welcome to share the meal, without concern for the cost. A free-will donation will be taken at each to help cover the costs of food.

### **WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR MARCH 9, 2025**

Individuals in Person: 98

Zoom Households: 02

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>NOTES</u></b>
03/09/2025	\$ 2712.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 324.00	Special Offerings
3/3-7/2025	\$ 3461.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$ 250.00	Special Offerings
	<b>\$ 6747.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>

### **Financial Giving and Gratitude**

You can give online at [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org) Giving page. (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

#### **GETTING CONNECTED:**

Office Phone

920.922.0425

Office Email

[fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org)

Website

[www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org)

Breeze Subdomain:

[FDLFirstPresb](http://FDLFirstPresb)

Facebook

[First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchFondDuLac)

YouTube

[First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchFondDuLac)

#### **March**

**Deacon of the Month:** Carol Smith

**Elder of the Month:**

Joanne Marchionda

#### **STAFF:**

Rev. Dr. Craig R. Alwin

[pastor@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@fdlpresbyterian.org)

Jennifer Zander

[jzander@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:jzander@fdlpresbyterian.org)

Kris Bartelt

[kbartelt@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:kbartelt@fdlpresbyterian.org)

Mary Robotham

[mrobotka@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrobotka@fdlpresbyterian.org)

## **This Week**

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
11:20-12:00pm  
11:30-12:30pm  
1:00-2:00pm  
6:00-7:30pm

### **Monday**

10:00-11:30am  
6:30-8:00pm

### **Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am  
9:30-12:00pm  
11:30-12:00pm  
12:15-12:45pm  
12:45-1:30pm  
4:00-5:00pm  
5:00-6:00pm  
6:30-7:30pm

### **Thursday**

1:00-2:30pm  
2:30-3:30pm  
6:00-8:00pm

### **Friday**

7:00-9:00pm

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
11:20-12:00pm  
11:30-12:30pm

### **March 16**

Worship  
Fellowship Time  
Growing Connections-Blandine House  
Sunday School  
Sunday Lenten Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
Learning Team Meeting  
PYA at the Woodlands  
Boy Scout Committee Meeting

### **March 17**

Staff Meeting  
Session Meeting

### **March 19**

Men's Breakfast  
Mind Over Matter  
Mid-day Lenten Choir Rehearsal  
Mid-day Lenten Worship  
Lenten Luncheon and Study  
Handbell Rehearsal  
Confirmation  
Lenten Evening Worship & Study at *Bob's on the Avenue*

### **March 20**

Growing Connections Planning Meeting  
Serving Team Meeting  
GriefShare

### **March 21**

Cribbage

### **March 23**

Worship  
Fellowship Time  
Growing Connections-Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood  
Sunday School  
Sunday Lenten Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
Worship Team Meeting