

April 6, 2025; 9:00 am
Fifth Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion

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: "Praise to the Lord"

arr. by Ernst Fuchs-Schönbach, Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ring of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Dave E., Liturgist

When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;

There is Christ who reaches out to us.

When the world seems dark and despair threatens to close in upon us;

There is Christ, reaching out for us.

Come and let us worship the Lord who is always ready to reach out to us.

We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith. AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

***Sung Response: GTG 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

Carol W., Kay M., Kim M., Phyllis M., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Dave E.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

Dave E.

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence which will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost.

Silent Confession

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

Forgive us, O God, and restore us. **Help us to see the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing love. Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

***Sharing God's Peace**

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

Psalm Reading: Psalm 126 (Common English Bible)

page 572 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 767 (CEB)

When the Lord changed Zion's circumstances for the better,
it was like we had been dreaming.

**Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter;
our tongues were filled with joyful shouts.**

It was even said, at that time, among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them!"

**Yes, the Lord has done great things for us,
and we are overjoyed.**

Lord, change our circumstances for the better,
like dry streams in the desert waste!

Let those who plant with tears
reap the harvest with joyful shouts.

**Let those who go out,
crying and carrying their seed,
come home with joyful shouts,
carrying bales of grain!**

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8 (Common English Bible)

page 106 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1308 (CEB)

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him),

complained, “This perfume was worth a year’s wages! Why wasn’t it sold and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, “Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won’t always have me.”

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sung response: GTG 201 “A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar”

Sermon: “Preparing for Jesus’ Death”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

We Respond to God’s Word

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word “catholic” means “relating to the church universal”*

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: GTG 519 "You are My Strength When I am Weak"

Cantors

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 500 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is neither a Presbyterian table, nor even the church's table. This is the Lord's table. It is prepared for those who love the Lord and for those who desire to love him more. All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this meal.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... Joining our voices with those from around the world, we pray as you taught us, saying...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, in our lives 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – (words of institution]

SHARING OF THE MEAL

The Bread of Life & The Cup of Salvation

Music during communion: *organist, Henry H.*

GTG 223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” v. 1

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *arr. John G. Barr*

Trio on “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *arr. Wayne Leupold*

GTG 223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” v. 4

“Contemplation” *arr. by Alfred V. Fedak*

PRAYER OF THANKS

***Sending Song GTG 450 “Be Thou My Vision” vs. 1 & 4**

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

Postlude: “Be Thou My Vision”

arr. by Paul Manz

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 **Pizza Ranch** (1235 W. Johnson St)

Prayers of the People

Andy L.	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.	Rod M* (Mary/Dan R friend)
Del C.	Lindsay*(Bill/Mary daughter)	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.

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR MARCH 30, 2025

Individuals in Person: 80

Zoom Households: 06

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
03/30/2025	\$1010.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 111.00	Special Offerings
3/24-28/25	\$ 821.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$ 360.00	Vanco Special Offerings
	<u>\$2302.00</u>	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at 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.

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This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:00-2:00pm

10:15-11:15am

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11:20-12:00pm

April 6

Worship with Communion

Train Show

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections-Sermon Discussions

Sunday School

Sunday Lenten Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Monday

10:00-11:30am

1:00-2:30pm

April 7

Staff Meeting

Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

11:30-12:00pm

12:15-12:45pm

12:45-1:30pm

5:00-6:00pm

6:30-7:30pm

April 9

Men's Breakfast

Mid-day Lenten Choir Rehearsal

Mid-day Lenten Worship

Lenten Luncheon and Study

Women in Faith

Lenten Evening Worship & Study at **Pizza Ranch**

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

11:20-12:00pm

1:00-2:00pm

April 13

Worship

Fellowship Time

Fish Derby Activities

Choir Rehearsal Maundy Thursday through Easter

PYA at the Woodlands