



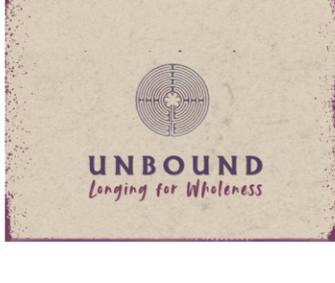
First Presbyterian Church



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February 20, 2026

This Sunday

Worship this First Sunday in Lent is built around *Lament*. We are leaning into the reality that in this particular season (as with any difficult time) we must learn to hold lament and hope in tension. Our theme for the season is “Unbound: Longing for Wholeness” which asks the question, “what if the opposite of being bound is being whole?” Our world is filled with things that hold us captive. These things that bind us prevent us from living the whole, abundant life that God has promised us.



Join us in person or online! Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#).

4th Sundays at 1st Pres



4th Sundays at 1st Pres resumes (following January’s weather) this Sunday, February 22! All ages and stages are welcome to gather in Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 7:00. Tonight’s gathering will feature activities moving from Lament to Peacemaking - there will be a simple soup supper (click [HERE](#) to sign up to bring food) , and the evening will close with communion. Join us!

Wednesday Lenten Opportunities

This Lent, there are multiple opportunities on Wednesdays to join in new ways to explore the themes of the season. Consider adding a few of the opportunities below into your Lenten practice this year. There’s **no** requirement to come to each session of an event, so don’t let an interruption in your schedule keep you from joining in as you are able.



- 7:00 a.m. Moring Prayer in the Chapel and [online](#)
- 12:00 p.m. We Make the Road by Walking in person and [online](#)
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper in the Parlor
- 6:15 p.m. Contemplative Practices in the Office
- 7:00 p.m. We make the Road by Walking in person and [online](#)

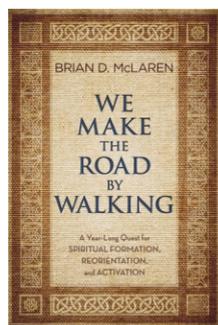
LGBTQ Group



All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to meet the Van Camps’ at their home (259 Washington Ave.) on Friday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. for a good meal and the company of friends. This group meets approximately every six weeks for a Friday night dinner/activity, and/or a Sunday lunch. It is our hope that gathering together will spark fun and a deeper sense of community and support for one another. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Jerusha (jerusha@fpcevv.com; 812-774-7402).

We Make the Road - Join Anytime!

Join Rev. Jerusha in a yearlong quest for spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation by participating in weekly conversation groups based around Brian McLaren’s book *We Make the Road by Walking*. During Lent, the lessons lead to Resurrection. Hybrid (in-person + online) groups meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at Noon and 7:00 p.m. (Zoom links are on the [church website](#)). Books (\$11) are available in the church office (and on Kindle and Hoopla), and you can drop in/out as your schedule allows.



Fellowship and Flowers!



Do you like a cup of coffee or tea and a little nibble while chatting with friends? How about beautiful flowers in worship? Us, too! Sign up on the sheet in the Parlor near the snacks to bring treats (homemade or purchased at 8:30 or 10:30 worship). And if you’d like to give flowers for worship, you can do so using [this form on First Web](#). Thanks for helping add hospitality and beauty to our Sundays!

Church Mice - New Opportunities!

The staff has been working on an updated list of behind-the-scenes tasks and have created a [new form on First Web](#) so folks can let us know what items they would like to help do!

We hope everyone - folks who are already helping with regular and occasional items as well as new folks - will [fill out the form](#). The goal is to not rely on just one or two people for doing multiple tasks, but to have multiple people share the tasks (to have a rotation of people in the case of weekly items) and also to have substitutes when a regular ‘church mouse’ isn’t available. *We’re not looking to replace any of our wonderful volunteers*; rather, we want to give them some backup and assistance!



If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the [church office](#). Thanks!

One Great Hour of Sharing



Prayer Requests

- for one seeking restoration;
- for comfort during painful OT treatments and positive test results;
- in thanksgiving for Suzanne Kohlmeier's birthday;
- for beneficial labyrinthian journeys this Lenten season;
- for Nathaniel, as he undergoes hip surgery today;
- for your people struggling with addiction;
- for parents walking alongside their kids;
- for the Priest from Nigeria and his congregation in Decatur who is being deported by ICE;
- for one having brain surgery this week;
- for those caring for loved ones with dementia;
- for one suffering from a miserable cold;
- for Nana Rosemary's leg;



- for momma Sara, recovering from a brain injury;
- for one worried about the safety of loved ones;
- for one seeking peace;
- for Nick and Amanda, who is experiencing complications after their first baby arrived unexpectedly early, ;
- in gratitude for warmer weather.

More News(letter)!

Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it’s also available on the [church website](#)? Click the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

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<https://fpcevv.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/feb-mar-26.pdf>

Daily Readings



Taking time for a daily devotional can be a meaningful addition to a faith journey. The link below will take you to the PC(USA)’s website, which offers multiple readings for every day. The readings that you will see immediately when you click the link will be for the current day, but you can pick readings for a specific day, print out readings, and sign up for a daily email of lectionary readings.

<https://pcusa.org/daily/devotion>

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