

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 30, 2025

PRELUDE *Die Tugend wird durchs Kreuz geübet* R. Cochrane Penick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT *The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

PEOPLE: *For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.*

LEADER: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

PEOPLE: *We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!*

LEADER: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE
(No. 435)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus tells a story of lost children, one who outlandishly insults his father and leaves, the other who quietly conforms but inwardly hardens his heart. We are these children, and You are the father. We see the evidence of an agonizing expanse between you and us: the rift we have created by demanding our share, the distance we have put between us as we flee to a far country, the resentment we hold when things don't seem fair, our refusal to join your gracious, life-giving party. Forgive each selfish request, each step away, each bitter thought, each joyless rejection. Forgive us and run toward us with open arms to confirm your love and acceptance. Wrap us up in Your forgiving love, we pray. (Silent Confession)

***RESPONSE** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION
(No. 415)

Choir

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News: *In Christ, we are forgiven. Let us live into our forgiveness and find peace.*

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION
(No. 415)

Congregation

I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

YOUTH SERMON Chuck Horvath

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR *Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me Out* Healey Willan

SERMON LOVING
Luke 15:1–3, 11–32
Rev. Dr. Patrick Smith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *O Love* Elaine Hagenberg

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH
(No. 606)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* NEW BRITAIN
(No. 649)

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *This Time Tomorrow* The Porter's Gate
(please join the choir in singing; lyrics printed on the facing page)

POSTLUDE *Toccata on Amazing Grace* John Carter

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*Please stand if you are able.

MUSIC NOTES

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me Out

Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me;
thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising;
thou understandest my thoughts long before.
Whither shall I go then from thy spirit,
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
If I take the wings of the morning
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there also shall thy hand lead me,
and thy right hand shall hold me.
If I say, peradventure the darkness shall cover me,
then shall my night be turned to day.
Yea, the darkness is no darkness to thee,
but the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and light are both alike to thee.
(Psalm 139: 1, 6, 8–11)

O Love

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

This Time Tomorrow

This time tomorrow, with the rising of the sun,
when the new light has begun to shine,
This time tomorrow, may we feel your presence still,
and may the love of Jesus fill our mind.
This time tomorrow, may your voice be in our ears,
and may we know that you are near to us.
This time tomorrow, may we remember what we've learned,
and may our hearts still burn with your love.
This time tomorrow; this time tomorrow; this time tomorrow.



THIS WEEK:

Sunday, March 30

8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Children's Nursery
10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. International Congregation Worship Service (Chapel)
12:30 p.m. International Congregation Lunch (Lounge)

Monday, March 31

5:00 p.m. God-n-Grub (Youth Hall)

Tuesday, April 1

7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 2

7:30 a.m. Wild Card Café (Parking Lot)
8:00 a.m. Teacher's Meeting (Y Hall)
12:30 p.m. Midweek Ecumenical Lunch & Learn (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church)
4:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 3

9:30 a.m. Stitcher's Group (Lounge)
6:00 p.m. Pre-K Board Meeting (Director's Office)
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Lounge/Fellowship Hall)
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

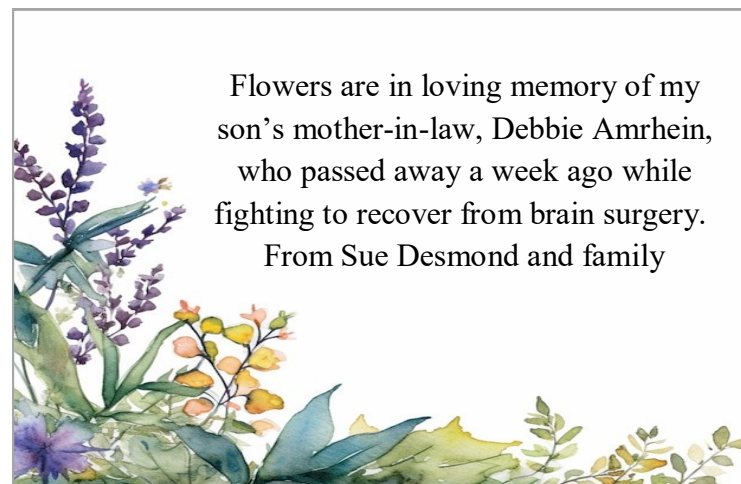
Friday, April 4

10:00 a.m. International Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday, April 5

No events scheduled

Large print bulletins & hearing devices available upon request.



Flowers are in loving memory of my son's mother-in-law, Debbie Amrhein, who passed away a week ago while fighting to recover from brain surgery.
From Sue Desmond and family

**The Mission of First Presbyterian Church is...
To be transformed by Christ, to share God's Word and love through...**

Worship Discipleship Mission Fellowship

...within our congregation, community, and the world.

A special greeting to our visitors...

Welcome to our spiritual home. First Presbyterian Church fulfills its mission through Spirit-filled worship, essential and exciting mission projects that reach from Muncie to the third world, warm fellowship, and educational opportunities that encourage young and old to grow in love and understanding of Jesus our Savior. Thanks for joining us and investing in this life with us.

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*1-yr term

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TODAY'S SERVANTS

LITURGIST: Bill McCune
USHERS: Debbie Foster, Susan Leffler
GREETERS: Jan McCune, Joy Vander Hill

Please remember to sign the Friendship Pads, located at the back of the pews, so that all of us here may know one another.

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