

# Service of Worship

*March 1st, 2026*  
*2nd Sunday in Lent*



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

*Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor*  
*Mika Komuro, Pianist*

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

**The Gathering**

Lenten Litany

One: Christ of the comfortable, you would call us from our security and sameness, down that unknown path which leads to God's heart:

**All: With trust, we would place our hands in yours, and follow.**

One: Companion of our sleepless nights, you would beckon us out of the shadows of our fears, calling us to bring our doubts and questioning hearts along:

**All: With humility, we would listen to those answers we do not expect, or even understand.**

One: Word which creates out of nothingness, you would fill us with life. Where we see only emptiness, you would keep your promises when all ours lie littered on the ground:

**All: We would let your grace transform us into faithful disciples.**

\*Call to Worship

One: Come to the Lord, you children of God.

**All: We gather together in prayer and thanksgiving. We have been welcomed by you—strangers and friends alike.**

One: Come to the cross and trust in your savior.

Scripture lesson

2 Chronicles 7:14-18

Pew Bible, pg. 393

*Questions to ponder: When have you felt God's forgiveness the most? Is there anything you need to confess that you are having difficulty admitting to God?*

\*Opening Hymn

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Hymn #775

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**We are all too human, Faithful God, and so think we have nothing to learn from others, and thus discount ancestors in the faith like Nicodemus or Sarah. We look for an answer online, convinced that we can trust whatever we find. We close tight the shutters of our souls, so the Spirit can only rattle us, but not get in to transform our lives. Yet you continue to keep watch of us, Promise Giver, whether it is when we swagger through the sunshine of our lives, or in those shadowed moments of uncertainty in the night. You will not stumble as you continue to come to us, to lead us into your kingdom. You will always be our help, whether we recognize it or accept it, even as you remained faithful to Jesus Christ, or Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love from John 3:17

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace. Amen.**

**“Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O lamb of God, I come; I come!”**

Greeting in Christ’s Name

Brothers and sisters in Christ we are one forgiven family. Let us continue to worship God in thanksgiving as we greet those who join us in prayer and praise.

**As we have been welcomed by God, we now seek to welcome those among us. May the peace of Christ be with you all.**

*(Friends, while still maintaining the safety of the peace sign, let us take a holy moment of active greeting. Move to the 3 pews around you, sharing God’s peace with God’s people before returning to your seats)*

### **The Word**

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-10

Pew Bible, pg. 238

Sermon

“Random Acts of Lent: Confess”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

### **Response to Grace**

\*Hymn

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

Hymn #824

\*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believed in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Call for the Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

Hymn #582

**“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.”**

### Invitation to Christ’s Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

**God of grace and glory, we give you thanks for the wonder of your love. You shaped the world in goodness, breathed life into your people, and called us to walk in your ways. When we turned away, your mercy did not. Through prophets and poets, through wisdom and wilderness, you kept calling us home. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus—your Word made flesh, your compassion made visible. He welcomed the lost, lifted the weary, broke bread with the outcast, and opened a table where all could find a place.**

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

The Bread

The Cup

*Please hold the bread so we may all partake as a family of God. Please receive the cup as it is passed to signify our individual journey of faith in Christ.*

### The Sending

\*Closing Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Hymn #829

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Hymn #835, v. 1

**“Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be. I am weak but thou art strong, Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee”**

Postlude

**(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)**

### WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Barb Deering

Acolyte: Brekken Tester Jr.

\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

# All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise