

Service of Worship

February 22nd, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor

Mika Komuro, Pianist

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship, inspired by Psalm 32

One: The steadfast love of God surrounds us always—even in the wilderness!

All: **Thanks be to God! Let us be glad and worship!**

Scripture

Romans 8:22-30

pg. 158

Questions to ponder:

What is your prayer for the church? For your life?

All hymns and responses will be played through once before singing starts.

*Opening Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Hymn #465

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love

Hear and receive the good news; **In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven!**

Know this and be at peace. **Amen.**

*Responsorial Hymn

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

Hymn #435, v.1

“There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.”

*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 Samuel 1:1-20

Pew Bible, pg. 244

Sermon

“Random Acts of Lent: Pray”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Hymn #792

Affirmation of Faith from the Brief Statement of Faith::

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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.”

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the 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 Sending

- *Closing Hymn "My Life Flows On" Hymn #821
*Benediction
*Benediction Response "We Are Marching in the Light of God" Hymn #853

"We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of, the light of God."

Postlude
(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Elizabeth Hughes
Acolyte: Vank Russman Family

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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Presbytery Book Group! 

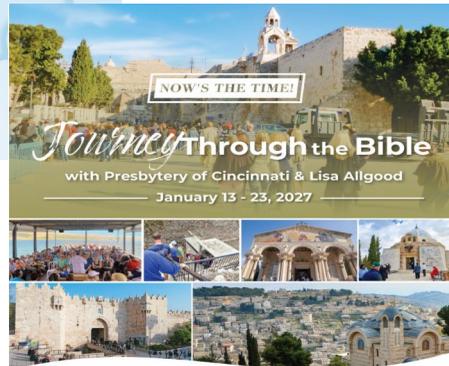
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Want to get in on meeting new people?
Fascinated by some amazing discussions?
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with Presbytery of Cincinnati & Lisa Allgood
January 13 - 23, 2027



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Questions?
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PS - yes, it's safe!

Please come and join the Adult Sunday School class during Lent to read through Max Lucado's He Chose the Nails. We meet on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 in the Choir Room.
Video Meditations and discussion led by Stan Webster.



March 1, CH. 4-6

March 8, CH. 7-9

March 15, CH. 10-12

March 22, CH. 13-15