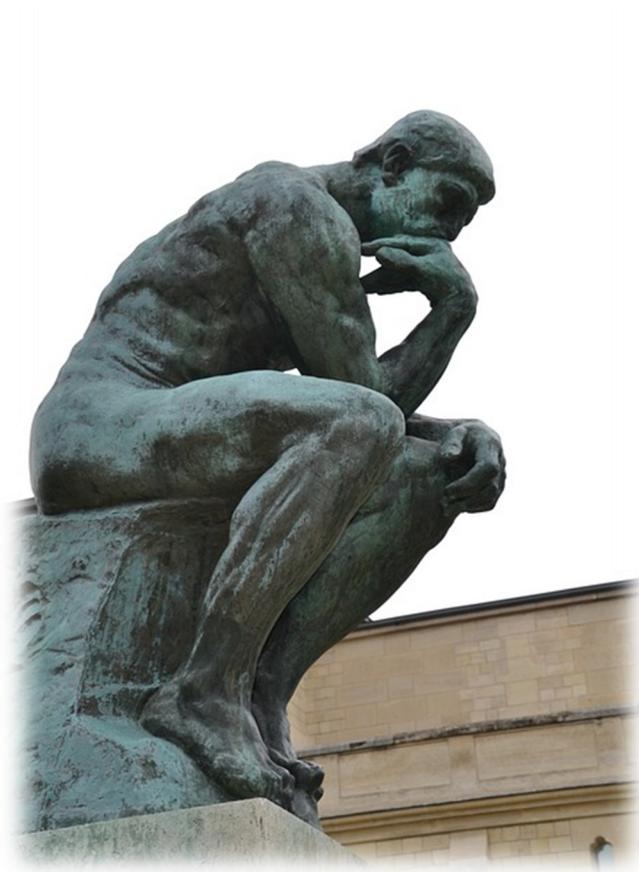


Service of Worship

March 8th, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

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

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

The Gathering

Lenten Litany

One: When our souls are empty, you fill them with living water. When we are reluctant to follow Jesus, you steer us in the right direction. When we are tempted to boast, your whispers of grace silence us. We worship you in truth, comforter of our hearts.

All: God in Community, Holy in One, our joy, our truth, our spirit, we worship you.

*Call to Worship

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

One: In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

All: The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

Scripture

John 4:1-26

Pew Bible, pg. 94

Questions to ponder:

If you were a woman, what would you have felt talking to Jesus that day?

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

*Opening Hymn

"God of the Sparrow"

Hymn #22

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but give only our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping. Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love

*Responsorial Hymn

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Hymn #469

*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

2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Pew Bible, pg. 186

Sermon

“Random Acts of Lent: Self Examination”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm”

Hymn #731

Affirmation of Faith from the Confession of 1967:

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*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 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Hymn #65
*Benediction
*Benediction Response “I Love to Tell the Story” Hymn #462, v. 2

“I love to tell the story; ‘tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God’s own holy Word. I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.”

Postlude
(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

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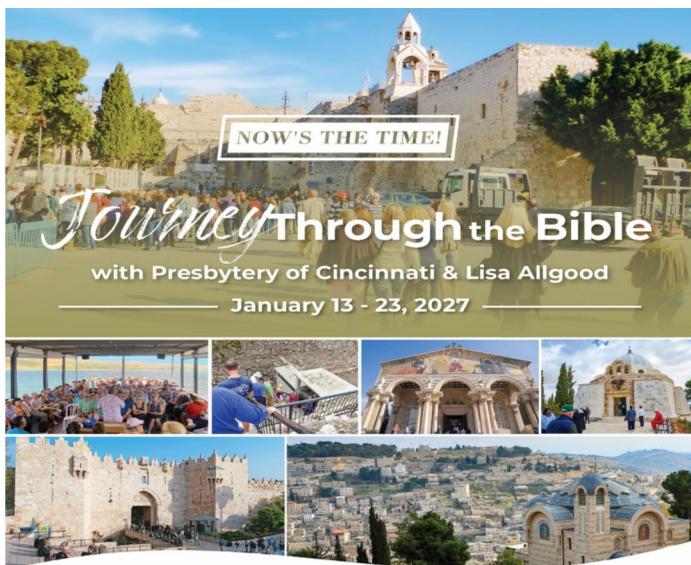
Liturgist: Dave Agard

Acolyte: Nolan & William Hughes

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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PS – yes, it's safe!