



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH NORMAN

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024



PRELUDE

Lenten Folio for Handbells and Piano

Chancel Bells

Sandra Eithun

WELCOME

Rev. Michael East

Welcome to worship! No matter who you are, all are welcome here. We are a community of disciples making our corner of the world more like the Kingdom of God. Please sign in on the Welcome Pad and pass it down the pew so that all who attend worship today can add their name and greet one another.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

the courageous and the fearful,

the hungry and the hopeful,

the impatient and the reserved.

God welcomes the young and the old,

the poets and the prophets,

the faithful and the tired,

the curious and the convicted.

Wherever you are on your journey,

wherever your boat is at sea,

there is room for all to gather here.

This is God's house.

Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION + WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Gracious God,

There are days that threaten to swallow us,

days when the storms of life feel too big.

In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,

spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.

Forgive us for doubting ourselves.

Forgive us for doubting you.

Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.

With hope in our hearts we pray,

Amen.

*HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN 175

Seek Ye First (vs. 2, two times)

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Molly Rambur

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Go in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS + SERMON

Rev. Michael East

Psalm 22:23-31 (Page 680)

Hymn 210

Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me (Psalm 22)

Matthew 14:22-33 (Page 1190)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Chancel Choir

Arranged by Stephan Casurella

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY + 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus

Dr. Thomas Dickey

Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

*HYMN 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.

I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.

I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.

I believe in a God who knows my name.

I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.

Amen.

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount

*BLESSINGS & BENEDICTION

O God, our times are in your hand:

Look with favor on your beloved children as they begin another year.

May their days of celebration be filled with love, and laughter, and goodness, we pray.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Festivity on "Come, Thou Fount"

Dr. Thomas Dickey

Douglas E. Wagner

The flowers in the sanctuary today are provided by David Duty in honor of his late mother whose birthday was Feb. 26.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

For additional information regarding any of these events, please email office@fpcnorman.org.

Sunday, Feb. 25

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30-10:15 AM

WORSHIP

10:30-11:30 AM

YOUTH GROUP - EVERYONE

4:30 PM

Monday, Feb. 26

YOGA

4:00 PM

PERSONNEL MEETING

12:00 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 27

NEW TESTAMENT IN NEW WAYS

4:00 PM

SESSION

7:00 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 28

YOGA

4:00 PM

CHANCEL BELLS REHEARSAL

6:00 PM

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

7:00 PM

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 PM

Thursday, Feb. 29

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:30 AM

THRIFT SHOP

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE

6:00 PM

Friday, Mar. 1

YOGA

9:30 AM

LENT MOVIE NIGHT

6:30 PM

YOUTH RETREAT @ ST. CRISPIN'S

Saturday, Mar. 2

YOUTH RETREAT @ ST. CRISPIN'S



Movie Nights

March 1 & 8 | 6:30 pm

We'll watch "The Way" starring Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez in two parts with discussion following each night. Movie is rated PG-13.

Popcorn will be served!

The graphic features a film strip at the top, a movie camera on the right, a large bucket of popcorn, a clapperboard, and two movie tickets (one red, one blue) at the bottom right.

First Presbyterian Church Prayer List

Kathy Anderson, Barbara Boyd, Bill & Betty Braun, Dennis Busch, Nancy Estes, Mary Hornbuckle, Ken Hoving, Joshua Hyde, Hugh Jeffers, Ken & Jean Kugler, Nolonda's friend Andrea, Chip & Wendi Whittier

For those new to First Presbyterian Church, we welcome you! To receive our weekly email with details regarding services and church events, please add your contact info on the Welcome Pad and check the box "Add to Email List."

We're glad you are here!