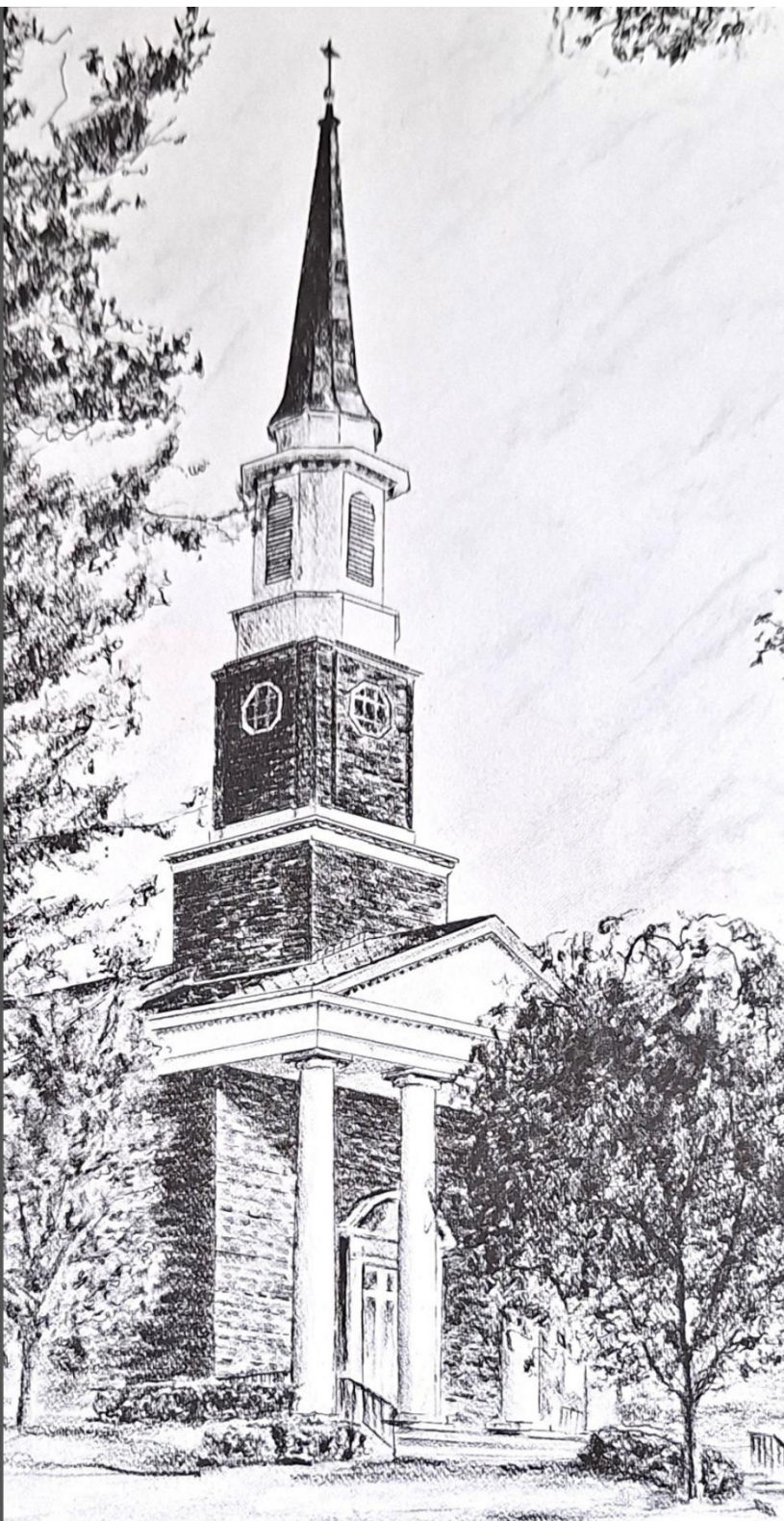


First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 32*)

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

OPENING PRAYER

With grace and compassion you invite us to return to you. Patient and full of faithful love, you ask us to return to you. Ready to forgive us, you demand a fast from us. You want our hearts and not our feasts and festivals, our lives and not our empty promises. Open our lips, and we will praise you. Guide us back you; we are ready.
Amen.

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

From Romans 10

This is proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you are always faithful, even when we betray you.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you claim us as your own, even when we deny you.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you clothe us in your righteousness, even when we give you a crown of thorns.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you bless us with your word, even when we mock and curse you.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you reach out to us in love, even when we reject and despise you.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you pour out your grace for us, even when we give you sour wine.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you give your life to save us, even though we crucify you.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

PRAYER RESPONSE (Hymn 434)

Restore in Us, O God
Stanza 1

BAYLOR

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

**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.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary for Kids' Kirk. They will return before communion.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word is near to us, on our lips and in our hearts. Hear the Word of the Lord.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (O.T. p. 548)

Romans 5:12-19 (N.T. p. 156)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“What Tempts You?”

Rev. Dr. John Hagmann

*Matthew 4:1-11 (N.T. p. 3) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

*HYMN 775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

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 believe 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

All that we seek to accomplish, all that we strive to achieve, all that we claim to possess—all of this amounts to nothing without the grace of Christ. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts* Henry Purcell

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
but spare us Lord most holy,
O God, O God most mighty,
O holy and merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour
for any pains of death to fall from Thee.*

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
...who made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Sung by all: (Hymn 552)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By our communion, help us to be centered in your ways of generous peace and extended love. As we pass through this season of Lent, strengthen us to resist evil. Send us out, bearing what we have been given, in Christ's name. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in D Minor

Pachelbel

**Rise in body or spirit*

***THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
JANIE DOUGLAS BY THE DOUGLAS FAMILY***

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. John Hagmann*

Liturgist: *Ashley Johnson*

Communion Servers: *Anne Leazenby & Lore North*

Kids' Kirk: *Allison Bates*

The Life of the Church

Join us in the fellowship hall following worship for a **reception to welcome Rev. Dr. John Hagmann.**

Join us this evening in the fellowship hall for our **Chili Cook-off and Game Night** from 4-7 PM. Bring your favorite chili, salad, and/or desert.

We will have printed copies of the **PresbyNotes** available for pick up in the hall outside the financial office.

Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year-To-Date (Thru Jan.)	Month of Feb. (To Date)	Week Ending Feb. 15
Income: \$ 38,042.92	Income: \$ 38,099.07	Income: \$ 11,905.00
<u>Expense: \$ 35,394.84</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 18,085.41</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 4,488.79</u>
Balance: \$ 2,648.08	Balance: \$ 20,013.66	Balance: \$ 7,416.21



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