

Communion:

The Lord be with you – **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts – **we lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – **it is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” – Hymnal, n. 343

Benediction

Postlude: “Go Forth in Faith” – Franklin Ritter

Happening This Week

-Wednesday, March 4: Back Row Boys, 9am @ The Iron Kettle

-Wednesday, March 4: Bible Study, 10am

In Your Prayers

-Marcia Siebert, Mary Bullerdiek & Family, Those who are hungry and without food, Peace in our country and in our world.

This and That & Upcoming Events

-Women’s Group is back! We will meet on Tues, March 10, 6:30pm @ 42North!

-Join us on Wednesday, March 25th for our second annual Aktion Club Dance! Stay tuned for details!

Are you new to FPCEA? We are so glad you're here! Please fill out a welcome sheet found in the pew so you can receive communications from the church!

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March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent



Rev. Kirk Laubenstein, Guest Pastor
Bradley Meholick, Music Director

Mike Boldt , Liturgist
Betty Pitcher, Organist

A warm welcome to all visitors! Please join us for refreshments after the service!

Order of Worship

Gathering Music, Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” - J.S. Bach

Call to Worship:

First, the water was deep chaos and the beginning, and the Holy witnessed its goodness.

I am here in the heart of God. God is hear in the heart of me. Like the wave in the water and the water in the wave. I am here in the heart of God.

Then, the water was flooding destruction and the end, and the Holy vowed, never again.

Congregational Response:

I am here in the heart of God. God is hear in the heart of me. Like the wave in the water and the water in the wave. I am here in the heart of God.

And then, the water was a saving path and freedom, and the Holy brought forth liberation.

I am here in the heart of God. God is here in the heart of me. Like the wave in the water and the water in the wave. I am here in the heart of God.

Then, the water was a sacred sign and grace and the Holy said, beloved. And then, the water was a new way and birth, and the Holy promised, this is how the kingdom comes.

Hymn: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - Hymnal, n. 403

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, ALL: You call us to a new land, a new birth. Yet our feet and our spirits hesitate. Forgive our laziness.

Forgive our fear. Forgive our selfishness. Forgive our comfort. Be for us the pillar of cloud by day, the pillar of fire by night. Lead us into the new birth of water and the Spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness (John 3:16-17)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. . . May the peace of Christ be with you.

Passing the Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you – **and also with you.**

Song of Praise: “Come, now is the Time to Worship”

Sharing our Praises and Concerns:

Lord, in your mercy – **hear our prayer**

Lord, with thanksgiving – **hear our prayer**

Children may leave for Sunday School

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

New Testament Reading: John 3:1-17

Sermon

Hymn: “Come and Find the Quiet Center” - STF, n. 2128

Offering: “Offertory” - Charles Demorest

Doxology: Hymnal, n. 592

Praise God from who all blessings flow;

Praise him all ye creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving