



# Faith Presbyterian Church



**Order of Worship March 8, 2026**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

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**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday**  
**March 8, 2026 – 10:00am**

*\*The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit*

**Prelude**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”  
“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

Gretchen Dempsey, piano

**Welcome and Announcements**

Susan Edwards

**Woman of the Year Award for 2026**

Priscilla Hoskins, Moderator  
Barbara Livergood, Secretary

**Call to Worship**

Priscilla Hoskins, soloist, & Gretchen Dempsey, piano  
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**Opening Prayer**

Sandra Baldwin, Treasurer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this blessed opportunity to gather in Your presence on this Women’s Sunday. Today we honor You for the women of the Bible who trusted You and served You faithfully. We thank You for the courage of Esther, the faith of Ruth, the obedience of Mary, the wisdom of Deborah, and the devotion of Martha and Mary. Lord just as you used them, we thank You for calling women today to serve in many ways – through prayer, leadership, compassion, teaching, and love. Strengthen us to walk boldly in our purpose, to trust You completely, and to serve You with glad hearts. Bless this service, anoint every woman present and joining online, and let Your Spirit move freely among us. May all that is said and done bring glory to Your holy name. We give You all the praise, honor, and thanks. Amen.

Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee  
Ready, my God Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou send-est clear,  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God Thy will to see;  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
Love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee.  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Prayer of Confession**

Susan Ross, Co-Mission Coordinator

Mighty and merciful God, You have called us to live by faith, to lead with courage, and to serve with joy. Yet we confess that we do not always walk in the fullness of Your calling. When we doubt ourselves instead of trusting You—

**Lord, forgive us!**

When fear holds us back from speaking up and stepping out—

**Lord, forgive us!**

When we grow tired in service and forget that You are our strength—

**Lord, forgive us!**

When we choose comfort over obedience and silence over truth—

**Lord, forgive us!**

But we thank You, O God, that You are rich in mercy and full of grace.

Renew our minds, restore our joy, and reignite our passion to serve You boldly.  
**We receive Your forgiveness, we rise in faith, and we commit ourselves  
anew to serve You! In Jesus' name, Amen!**

### **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news! The same God who called Esther for such a time as this, who strengthened Deborah to lead, and who showed grace to Mary, calls **you** today. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new. Walk in confidence, sisters, knowing that God's mercy is sure, God's love is unchanging, and God's grace is more than enough. You are forgiven, you are renewed, and you are empowered to serve and lead in faith. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**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.**

**\*Welcome Wave / Passing of The Peace**

**Choir Anthem**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Priscilla Hoskins, Choir Director, & Gretchen Dempsey, Accompanist

**Scripture**

John 4: 1-42

**Sermon**

"Thirsty for Grace"

Rev. Anne Emery

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Gloria Hatcher

**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**

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Gretchen Dempsey, piano

**\*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.**

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**Presentation of handmade items by the Piecemakers and Yarn Angels;**

Barbara Burnett, Kelly Kennaly, Ann Kennaly, and Sharon Strasbaugh.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Fran Rechedy, Past Moderator

Gracious and loving God, we dedicate this service to You today. We offer every song that is sung, every word that is spoken, and every act of worship as a sacrifice of praise unto Your holy name. Lord, we thank You for the women who have lovingly dedicated their time, talents, and gifts in service to others. Bless the labor of love given through caring hearts, willing hands, and faithful spirits. May every act of kindness, every moment of service, and every sacrifice made in love bring glory to You and blessings to Your people. Strengthen those who have poured out, encourage those who serve behind the scenes, and renew the joy of all who give of themselves for Your work. Let the seeds planted through their dedication bear fruit that will last. We place all that we have and all that we are into Your hands, trusting You to use it for Your purpose and Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Take My Life"

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Verses 1, 5 & 6

**Take my Life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

**Ever, only, all for Thee.**

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Anne Emery

**Postlude**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

“Joyful, Joyful”

Gretchen Dempsey, piano

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**Welcome Visitors! We are delighted to have you worship with us at Faith Presbyterian Church! Everyone is warmly invited to join us in Illingworth Hall for fellowship and refreshments following the service. We look forward to sharing this time together!**

**Thanks be to God for the many women of Faith Church and for their faithful service in this hour of worship. We give thanks to all who have contributed to making this service possible. May God’s blessings rest upon each and every one. Go in peace and serve the Lord with thanksgiving.**

**Flower bouquet 1 is given to the glory of God as a token of appreciation and thanks to the Women of Faith for making this day one to remember.** Your presence, participation, and spirit truly made it special. A special thank you to the women who graciously accepted each responsibility when asked, and especially to those women who worked quietly behind the scenes with sincerity. Your dedication did not go unnoticed and is deeply appreciated. With gratitude, Priscilla Hoskins, Moderator

**Flower bouquet 2 is given to the glory of God** from the family of Anne Daughters in celebration of their love.

**Faith Church “Best Library Ever” Book Club is Monday, March 9, 2026, at 10:30am in the library.** We will be discussing “The President’s Wife” by Tracy Enerson Wood. Come join us for an enjoyable morning.

**Tickets on Sale - Thursdays@Faith – March 12, 2026 – “Nicole Pesce” –** Amazing pianist, keyboardist, composer and arranger, Nicole Pesce will entertain you with a unique blend of virtuosity, humor and pizzazz. Dinner followed by a program. Dinner tickets are \$15.00. Dinner – 6:00pm. Program 6:30pm. **Cut-off to purchase dinner tickets is noon on Monday, March 9, 2026.**

**March 9, 2026, - “Monday Morning Musings” - Mondays at 10:30am in the Westminster Room.** Join Pastors Anne and Greg to discuss further the sermon, topic and Scripture from the Sunday prior.

**CPR Training by Sun City Fire & Medical - Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 1 pm. in Westminster Room.** Reservation cut-off is Friday, March 6, 2026. Cost is \$25 per person. Pay cash or check. Contact Frank Dias to reserve a spot. Training is for Faith members, and we may have room for others.

**Tickets on Sale - Men’s Hamburger Brunch – Sunday, March 22, 2026, after service.** Cost is \$10.00 or a donation. The proceeds will go to supporting Faith ministries.

**March 11, 2026, - Forward in Faith – Wednesday at 10:00am in the Westminster Room.** Study of Hebrews 11 Bible Heroes. This week’s Faith Church Hero is Rev. Allan Conover.

**The Yarn Angels have shawls at the Welcome Desk for those who feel cold during the service.**

**Contact information for: Rev. Anne Emery, Honorably Retired.**  
Contact info is located in the church directory.

**New members, please write a brief introduction of yourselves and submit it to MaryJo at [office@scfaith.org](mailto:office@scfaith.org).** Thank you.

**Flowers for Worship –** If you wish to donate a bouquet, a large is \$50 and a small bouquet is \$30. Please contact Karen Harris.

**Your “Thirsty for Grace” Musings:**

# Welcome!

*Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ, or do not believe. Welcome to those who have worshiped in this place for years! Welcome to our first-time guests! Welcome to all generations, single people, couples, believers, and to questioners, and, of course, to questioning believers! We hope you find peace and uplift in our worship today.*

*We are very glad you are here!*

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Pastor Greg Emery – [greg@scfaith.org](mailto:greg@scfaith.org)

## **MINISTERS All Members**

## **WELCOMING TEAM**

**GREETERS** Nan Shelton

**WELCOME CENTER** Gloria Hatcher & Joanna Conde'

**GOLF CART** Laurie Cathey

**USHERS** Barb Clubb & Barbara Livergood  
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## **FAITH CHURCH**

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible." (Matthew 17:20)

That is our theme. It plays out this way: we are big enough to flourish, but small enough to be personal; caring for the world & community, but above politics; take the Word seriously, but ourselves not so much.

Our pastor, elders, deacons and members are here for you.