

What's available Sundays@10?

Children (K3 (if completely potty-trained)-5th): Basement Root Cellar art room
Nursery for K3 and under
Youth (6th – 12th): 3rd floor Flight Deck
Adults - FISH: room 205 across from kitchen
Sojourners: room 110 across from library

Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship

5:30 – dinner for all ages

6:00 – programming for all ages

SHinE for children K3-5th grade in the Root Cellar;

WEY for youth 6th – 12th in the Loft;

Nursery available for K3 and under of participants;

Women's Bible Study in 206; Men's Bible Study in 205; Pastor's Bible Study in 110

7:00 – pick up children on playground

Youth

Sunday, March 8th – **Sunday school** from 10:00 – 10:45.

Sunday, March 8th - **Pine straw deliveries** from 2:00 - until delivered.

All help is needed to load, transport, and unload deliveries.

Wednesday, March 11th – **WEY** from 5:30 – 7:00.

Lenten Services and Lunch

During Lent, area churches invite the community to worship and have lunch together every Wednesday. Lunch is served twice with a worship service in between seatings. Meals will be served at 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Lenten Pilgrimage worship will be from 12:35 -1:00

The schedule for the 2026 Lenten Pilgrimage series is shown below.

Date	Host
March 11	St. Mark UMC, Rivers St. Campus
March 18	First Baptist Church
March 25	Main Street United Methodist
April 1	Morris Chapel Baptist Church

\$2 donation to cover the cost of the meal. A love offering will be accepted at each service to benefit Greater Greenwood United Ministries.

God Is Still Writing Your Story!

All women welcome!

Every Wednesday in March

5:30 dinner for \$10 (optional--Must RSVP)

6:00 sessions in Alexander Hall

Register for the sessions you can attend with a simple yes or no using the QR code:



Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
1:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (AH)
2:00 p.m. - Pine Straw deliveries
4:15 p.m. - Chancel Bells
4:30 p.m. - Missions/Outreach (HR)
5:00 p.m. - Youth GOTE (Mill House)
6:00 p.m. - Christian Ed. Team (BR)

Monday, March 9

10:15 a.m. - Emerald Bells
10:30 a.m. - Circle #3 (HR)
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Lobby/Sanc)
5:15 p.m. - Bldgs & Grnds (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, March 10

10:00 a.m. - Staff Mtg.
11:00 a.m. - Staff Mtg w/David Brown of Pinnacle
12:30 p.m. - Circle #5 (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

Wednesday, March 11

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (Conf Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
12:00 noon - Lenten Service & Lunch (St. Mark)
12:15 p.m. - NA Staff (HR)
5:30 p.m. - WNF (AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
6:00 p.m. - Youth (YR)
6:00 p.m. - Adults (FISH/Conf Rm/HR)
6:00 p.m. - Women's Intreat (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 12

6:00 p.m. - PW Loyalty Dinner (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (HR)

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)
5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of C. W. "Buster" Mulkey by his family.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
MARCH 11TH:**

Adult Menu: Country Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans
5:30 Dinner in AH; 6:00 Programming (\$5 for children/\$10 youth and adults)
Please RSVP by noon on Monday.

You can do this by using the yellow cards in the pew racks, signing up on the sheet in the lobby or contacting the office and being placed on the permanent list.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is accepting Officer Nominations from the congregation.

Please complete the Nominating Form that can be found in the front lobby. Please place it in the offering plate or return your nomination to the front office.

Deadline to submit a nomination
Sunday, April 5th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN VOTING

This morning, Presbyterian Women has tables set up in the lobbies for all ladies to have the opportunity to vote on officers for the Coordinating Team. Whether you attend a Circle or not, all ladies of the church are members of Presbyterian Women, and we want your voice to be heard.

Availability of Jack and Elizabeth Kinback Scholarship for Nursing/Engineering

In May of 2026 the Jack and Elizabeth Kinback Scholarship for Nursing/Engineering will be available. The applicant should be a member of First Presbyterian Church pursuing a career in nursing and currently enrolled in a two-year or four-year nursing program or accepted into a nursing program (excluding CNA). A secondary consideration for the scholarship will be given to applicants declaring engineering as a major in their third or fourth year in a four-year institution. Once awarded, this scholarship will remain with that student until graduation from the program. Anyone interested in applying for either the nursing or engineering scholarship, please contact either Alice Jo Dickey at 864-993-5503 or Louise Sligh at 864-993-5120.

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026
9:00 am and 11:00 am**



*Interim Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green
Director of Children's Music -- Sarah Bowen
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Noah's Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham*

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GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Collins

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Ps. 95:1-2

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name,
address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

PRELUDE (11:00)

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Chester Allen

Chancel Choir

LENTEN WREATH

To mark the passage of time from Ash Wednesday to Easter, we celebrate Lent.

*This Lenten Wreath helps us mark that time with 8 candles, 7 of which
we will extinguish. The candles are purple symbolizing the royalty
of our God and King. The rough burlap symbolizes hardship, trials, and temptation
like Jesus experienced in the wilderness. The black fabric symbolizes the suffering
and death of Christ as well as the cold, dark tomb. The wreath of barbed wire
symbolizes the crown of thorns mockingly placed on Christ's head.*

The single white candle in the center is the Christ candle.

*It stays lit until Maundy Thursday when it is carried out of the sanctuary
to represent Christ's death on the cross.*

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP [*Psalm 95:1-7*]

(9:00) Calvin & Lisa Buchanan

(11:00) Randy, Tracey, and Anna Kate Erickson

Leader: ¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: ²**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: ³For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: ⁴**In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Leader: ⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

People: ⁶**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Leader: ⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
On this third Sunday in Lent,
we extinguish four purple candles.

*OPENING HYMN** #32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

INVOCATION

Andrew Goforth

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elise Collins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared
to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just,
and humble life to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE (On Screens)

“Oh, to See the Dawn”

POWER OF THE CROSS

Stanza 2 only

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Elise Collins

Offertory (9:00)

Tim Walters

(11:00)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Stan Pethel

Joey McClain, Silas Schiera

*Doxology (On Screens)

DUKE STREET

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Elise Collins

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

Elise Collins

Children may choose to exit at this time:

K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children's Chapel

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 95

Andrew Goforth

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Up-Downs Until Blue is No Longer Thirsty”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [*The Apostles' 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.

*CLOSING HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

*BENEDICTION [*Please remain for the Congregational Benediction*]

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (On Screens)

“May the Peace of God”

Getty/Townend

(At the conclusion of the service, please share the peace with one another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)

POSTLUDE

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in
the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated