



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 22, 2026, 10:45AM

First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, Texas

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Come to Me

DAN FORREST

CALL TO WORSHIP

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.

In God's word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,

More than those who watch for the morning.

Children of God, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and great is God's power to redeem.

Psalm 130

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

Tryin' to Get Home

ANTHONY TRECEK-KING

*HYMN 821

How Can I Keep From Singing

ROBERT LOWRY

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

REFRAIN: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [REFRAIN]

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [REFRAIN]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? [REFRAIN]

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, as we remember the story of your tears, we confess to you our own hard-heartedness. You call us to live in solidarity with those who are suffering, but we look away from their pain. You allow your heart to break and tears to fall for the grieving, but we try to avoid and numb even our own grief. Open the eyes of our hearts to recognize your presence even in places of sorrow. Fill us with your compassion, mercy, and tenderness. Give us courage to live like Christ, that we may bring your light and life to every place of darkness and death. Amen.

(Silent Confession) Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Josiah Hodges

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

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

You are invited to share signs of peace and reconciliation with one another.

*HYMN 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-6 (Pg. 806)

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

GOSPEL READING

John 11: 17-44 (Pg. 104)

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

SERMON

The Heart Behind the Miracle

SOLO

Come to Jesus

CHRIS RICE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick, and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.



*preaching Christ
teaching discipleship
reaching others*



A WARM WELCOME!

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today.

<p style="text-align: center;">WORSHIP NOTES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PREACHER</p> <p>Rev. Jeannie Corbitt Cardona</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PARTICIPANTS</p> <p>Gary George, <i>Liturgist</i> Hannah Thomas, <i>Director of Faith Formation</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHER CO-CAPTAINS</p> <p>Lois Basenfelder Nancy Robertson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MUSICIANS</p> <p>Eva Kewley, <i>Music Leader</i> Lisa Walston, <i>Pianist and Organist</i> Texas A&M Bella Voce Heather Orr, <i>Conductor</i> Jessie Novak, <i>Accompanist</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIVE STREAM TEAM</p> <p>Jerry Norris, <i>AV Coordinator</i> Bobby Randolph, Bill Watson, and Ruth Watson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHANCEL FLOWERS</p> <p>Given by Pam Geishauser, In loving memory of my husband Tony, on his 83rd Birthday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COVER ART</p> <p>Jesus Wept by James Tissot</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COPYRIGHT LICENSES</p> <p><i>Hymns from Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal OneLicense.net A-718836</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 22, 2026</p> <p>9:20am Sunday Church School - VC 10:45am Worship - S* 1:30pm Session Meeting - PT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026</p> <p>12:30pm Circle I Meeting - L 5:30pm Handbell Practice - Bell Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026</p> <p>10:30am Staff Meeting Administrative - L 11:15am Staff Meeting Programmatic - L 6:00pm Troop 977 - Rm 304 6:00pm Choir Practice - S</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026</p> <p>11:30am Men's Last Wednesday Lunch - J. Cody's 6:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner - Maria Mia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026</p> <p>Presbytery Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026</p> <p>9:20am Sunday Church School - VC 10:45am Worship - S* 12:30pm Youth Sunday Lunch and Devotional - CCF</p> <p><i>* Loving childcare provided.</i></p>	
Church Locations		
CR - Choir Room	L - Library	PT - Patio
CCF - Carter Creek Foyer	N - Narthex	S - Sanctuary
FH - Fellowship Hall	P - Parlor	VC - Various Classrooms

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