



FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 1, 2026

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“A welcoming community serving God and Neighbor”

Second Sunday in Lent

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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As you enter the sanctuary, please silence your cell phones and maintain a reverential quiet as you prepare your heart and mind to worship God. If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the pastor, please fill out a prayer card and pass it to the center aisle where an usher will collect it during the first hymn.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “My Song is Love Unknown arr. R. Vaughn Williams

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves you more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God’s love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

One: This is good news indeed!

All: Let us worship our compassionate God.

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?

Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go.

Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family of faith, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God’s back on us. So join me in this good-news declaration:

**All: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Good news God, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, amen.

FIRST READING

Luke 7:36-50
New Testament Pg. #66

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 25:34-40
New Testament Pg. #28

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Lost, the Last, the Least ... the Lovable?”

The Rev. Caroline A. Vickery

* HYMN

“I Come With My Devotion”

**I come with my devotion to love and serve my God
Whose loving cosmos formed me before I ever sought
The glory of the heavens or praise on earth below
So every gift I have now I lay before the throne**

**I hear my Savior’s calling to serve the lost and least
The hungry and imprisoned, the broken ones like me
For in each act of kindness it’s Christ for whom we care
All worthy of our love since it’s God’s face they bear**

**God made us in God’s image each person whom we meet
Extravagantly loving all of humanity
So I’ll return the love which has formed me from the start
Loving my creator, myself, and every hear**

WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.
It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.
It sounds like love
and feels like a seat at the table,
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the
world.
And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of reach I remember the one who
welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.
I remember the one who
cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.
I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it
alive in the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY Excerpt from “Father, Forgive Them for They Know Not What
They Do” from *The Seven Last Words of Christ*
F. J. Haydn
(Please see insert)

* DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

You trust us enough to place your blessings in us, so may we be faithful in offering them back to you, so others might be kept company in their loneliness, might be fed in their emptiness, might receive hope in their despair. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“This Bread, This Cup”

J. Carr/arr. L. Larson

Chancel Choir

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray...

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(The people sing, using same tune as Hymn #143, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”)

**Holy, Holy, Lord most holy,
God of power and God of might,
Heaven and earth reveal your glory.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of Light!
Blessed be the coming Savior.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of Light!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO TO THE WORLD AS CHRIST'S OWN

- * **HYMN** "Your Only Son - Lamb of God" Pg. #518
 - * **BENEDICTION**
 - * **CONGREGATION RESPONSE** "Amen" Pg. #601
 - * **POSTLUDE** Pastorale on "In the Cross" I. Conkey/arr. J. Linker
- * *Indicates where those who are able may stand.*

A WARM WELCOME to all who are worshiping with us this morning. It is our hope that you feel the friendliness of our congregation and the grace of the Spirit as you worship with us today.

REMINDER: Please, silence mobile phones.

PRAYER REQUESTS may be emailed to the church office by Wednesday at 12pm for Sunday service. If you have a joy or concern to share for this morning's service, you may fill out a blue prayer card and pass it to the usher during the first hymn.

OUR SERVICES ARE RECORDED ON CDS. If you or someone you know would like to hear these CDs, please contact the church office at (717) 545-4631.

SANITIZED HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, AND BIBLES are available from ushers. Shawls are also available to borrow from ushers.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE for restrooms, including an accessible restroom, and worship service Family Quiet Room is posted in the Gathering Area. Please, ask ushers for assistance.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED. You may appear on camera.
Services are recorded on YouTube.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Lay Reader: Shirley Cleaver

Ushers: Randy Knapp and Karen Miller

Communion Servers: George Hope, Linda Beck, Susan Skelly, Jack Andren

UPCOMING AT FAITH IMMANUEL

MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 7

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:30am **SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Zarfoss Library

11:00am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary

12:45pm **AGAPE NEPALI CHURCH** - Sanctuary

4:00pm **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 14071** - Shaffer Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 2

3:30pm **VOCAL CHOIR** - Music Room

5:45pm **BELL CHOIR** - Music Room

6:00pm **CCA BOARD MEETING** - Zarfoss Library

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

1:00pm **FAITHFUL STITCHERS** - Parlor

2:00pm **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MEETING** - Nevada Room

2:30pm **NURTURE COMMITTEE** - Zarfoss Library

SATURDAY MARCH 7

10:00am **BIRTHDAY PARTY** - MacIntyre - Shaffer Hall

MARK YOU CALENDARS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 - Timeless Tunes and Treats in Shaffer Hall, featuring the music of Sweet Life.

ONLINE GIVING

As believers, we know that giving is an act of worship that reflects our love for God and our trust in His provision. You can give to the ministry here at FIPC:

- Online: faithimmanuelpc.org and click the “Give” button
- In person during our regular worship services.
- By mail: 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112
- Scan the QR Code



Your donations support FIPC’s mission of spreading the love of God and serving our community. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH MISSION A MONTH - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. We are joining Presbyterians worldwide during this Lenten season in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by assisting in providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. We are requesting your support as we follow Jesus’ example of walking alongside the most vulnerable. **WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER** and are there for those in need. Special offering envelopes are available in the gathering area. Checks should be made payable to FIPC - please be sure to note One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) on the memo line. Donations will be accepted during Lent. Thank you and God bless you for your support! **IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Keith Graham 03/03

If any birthdays were missed, please contact the office. Thank you.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERNS AT FAITH IMMANUEL CHURCH

Prayer of Joy and Concerns:

Gail Diefenderfer was admitted to Osteopathic Hospital and has since been released.

Ongoing Prayers for:

Robert Crawshaw, Monica DeFriese, Sharon Bikle, Jim Milbrand, Fred & Jean Muncert, Bridget Kilgus, Cindy, Jim, Barbara Townsend, Bruce McLaren, Pat Lebo's Family (multiple family members suffering with health issues), Bob Finkle, Sarah Finkle, Larry Klaboe, Ronald Neumann, Stewart Robinson, Marge Barner, Kathy, Claire Hetzel, Irene, Curt, Renee, Nancy B., Elaine Bauer Shatto, Finn Bitterman.

Blessings and prayers for our church members who are currently undergoing physical therapy and/or are awaiting an operation/procedure.

Please contact the church office to make any changes/corrections to the ongoing prayers.

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Office Administrator/Finance Secretary: Heather Ruoss

Communications Manager: Carolyn Simpson

OFFICE HOURS:

9 am - 1 pm Monday - Friday

Other times by appointment.

PASTOR CAROLINE'S OFFICE HOURS

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Monday

11 am - 2 pm Tuesday and Thursday

CHURCH CALENDAR:

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