

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
When directed, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. Gluten-free bread is available by the baptismal font.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, most gracious and holy God,
for giving us bread for the journey
of these forty days.
As we travel on through the wilderness,
help us to share your grace with others
and draw us ever closer to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

SENDING

* HYMN #363 – “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #143 (G) – “Jesus, Remember Me”
“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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* POSTLUDE The Old Hundredth Pachelbel

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\* indicates please stand, if able

BOLD indicates ALL read

Children’s Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you

(G) indicates use green songbook, “Sing! a new creation”



WE BID ALL who have come to worship a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Info at: [www.firstprescarlisle.org](http://www.firstprescarlisle.org).

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~



After worship, please come to Fellowship Hall for a special celebration of Alberta Stoops 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Today, serving in worship:

Reader: Nancy Jacoby

Greeters/Ushers: Len & Vicki McLaughlin; Susan Palyo

Communion Preparer/Servers: Deb Richcreek; Bruce Ashbaugh;  
Tricia Naylor; Danielle Weiser

Fellowship Hosts: Parish Life Committee

Video Recorder: Joe Shane; Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

This Week, in our prayers:

\* in the presbytery: Falling Spring (Chambersburg); Brad Hill (CRE)

\* in the community: Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry

\* in the congregation (at random): Lynne & Dan Hofferica;  
Helen Thompson

This Week, in the life of the church:

~ Monday, 2 PM: Faith Circle

~ Wednesday, Noon: 1<sup>st</sup> Lenten Concert & Soup Luncheon  
(Organist: Dr. Ryan Malone, Bucknell University)

~ Wednesday, 7 PM: Choir rehearsal

Next Sunday.....2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent .....Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>

> 9:15 AM: Prayer, sanctuary

> 9:30 AM: Sunday school

> 10:45 AM: Worship; Scripture, Genesis 12:1-4a and John 3:1-17

> After worship: Fellowship time (birthday celebration)

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Anita Ashbaugh

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Earlene Heckendorn

First Presbyterian Church  
On-the-Square  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania



February 22, 2026

10:45 a.m.

The First Sunday in Lent  
Lord’s Supper

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Pleyel’s Hymn

If Thou But Suffer God

Variations on Old Hundredth

Thompson

Manz

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(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)  
~ GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Meditation

Gawthrop

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in love.

**Tested by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said:  
You shall worship the Lord your God alone.**

**Let us worship God.**

\* HYMN #81 – “Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you call us to worship  
and to serve only you.  
Yet, when other things demand our attention,  
we stray from the path Jesus tread.  
We serve powers that privilege the comfort  
of some over the well-being of many.  
We serve a culture that values competition  
over collaboration.  
We serve our own desires without  
considering the needs of our neighbors.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Send your Spirit to guide us back to you.  
Free us from the clutches of sin and death  
and draw us close, that we might respond  
to the grace we know in Christ and follow  
the ways of justice and righteousness. AMEN**  
*(silent confession . . . )*

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

\* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive  
one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation.  
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**  
*(Extend a word of peace with one another . . . )*

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Merciful God,  
your Word is our way of truth and life.  
Create in us hearts that are clean  
and put your Holy Spirit within us,  
so that we may receive your grace  
and declare your praise forever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

(O.T., p. 2)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

Gibbons

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

(N.T., p.3)

SERMON

“Quoting Is Easy, Living Is Hard”

Rev. Lorenz

\* HYMN #388 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

\* THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional)

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

(p. 16, blue hymnal)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory

Allegro

Cutler/Johnson

\* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of love, as in Jesus Christ  
you gave yourself to us,  
so may we give ourselves to you,  
living according to your holy will.  
Keep our feet firmly in the way  
where Christ leads us;  
make our mouth speak the truth  
that Christ teaches us;  
fill our bodies with the life  
that is Christ within us.  
In His holy name we pray. AMEN**

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #384 – “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE  
*This Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord  
and Savior and have been baptized, including children who  
have been instructed by their family.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, holy and mighty . . .  
Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with choirs  
of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION