

~ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ~

Today's beautiful flowers are presented by the Kretzing Family to the Glory of God and in honor of Jean Kretzing's birthday!

After worship today, you are invited to Fellowship Hall to celebrate Jean's 90th birthday!

Today, serving in worship:

Reader: Bruce Ashbaugh

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Davis; Bruce Mulvey; Pat Peffer

Fellowship Hosts: The Kretzing Family

Video Recorder: Joe Shane

Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

This Week, in our prayers:

* **in the presbytery:** Hope United (Dauphin); seeking a pastor

* **in the community:** State Parks Chaplaincy Program

* **in the congregation (at random):** Mary Jane Blosser; Barbara Rebert

This Week, in the life of the church:

~ **Monday, 6:30 PM:** Deacons meeting

~ **Wednesday, Noon:** 2nd Lenten Concert & Soup Luncheon
(Pianist: Russell Ward) **(Come and bring a friend!)**

~ **Wednesday, 7 PM:** Choir rehearsal

Next Sunday.....3rd Sunday in LentMarch 8th

(NOTE: Daylight Savings Time Begins; "Spring Forward")

> **9:15 AM:** Prayer, sanctuary

> **9:30 AM:** Sunday school

> **10:45 AM:** Worship; Scripture, Exodus 17:1-7 & Romans 5:1-11

> **After worship:** Fellowship time

Members of the Congregation, Ministers The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus Debby Madden, Educator Emerita Arthur Thompson, Organist Ron Richcreek, Music Director Avis Allen, Secretary Chuck Adler, Sexton Office Hours: Mon. & Wed., 10 AM-3 PM Phone: (717) 243-4612; E-mail: fpca1@pa.net ; Website: www.firstprescarlisle.org	<u>Church Officers</u>	
	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
	Deb Richcreek	Jim King
	Deb Ryerson	Jeff Whitman
	Tricia Naylor	Danielle Weiser
	Matt Weiser	Barbara Allen
	Charlie Thompson	Mary Jane Blosser
	Susan Palyo	Bruce Ashbaugh
	Lynne Hofferica	Anita Ashbaugh
	Lynda Mann	Pat Peffer
Vicki McLaughlin	Earlene Heckendorn	

First Presbyterian Church
On-the-Square
Carlisle, Pennsylvania



March 1, 2026

10:45 a.m.

The Second Sunday in Lent

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes
Wondrous Love
Canzona

Manz
Johnson
Young

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

Adagio

Gawthrop

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**Our faith depends upon the grace of God.
Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.
Let us worship God.**

* HYMN #76 – “My Song Is Love Unknown”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, you call us to go,
following the plan that you have set out for us.
You promise us blessings and purpose,
but we do not trust your words.
We cling to what we already know;
we trust in what we can see and touch;
we make excuses for our failure to trust in you.
Call to us again, that we may be born again
through your Spirit.
Help us to believe and grow
in the abundant life
that comes from following your will. 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

**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
guide us by your Word through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Genesis 12:1-4 (O.T., p. 10)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “I Need Thee Every Hour” Beck

SECOND LESSON John 3:1-17 (N.T., p. 93)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “A Spiritual Birth” Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #383 – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICER
~ *Elder, Class of 2027: Vicki McLaughlin*

* 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 *Legende* Rebikov

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of Compassion and Grace,
we offer you our gifts
as signs of our time and labor.
Receive the offering of our lives
and feed us with your grace,
that in the midst of death all creation
might join the feast of unending life
in Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN**

SENDING

* HYMN #85 – “What Wondrous Love Is This”

* BENEDICTION

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

* POSTLUDE *Lord, Dismiss Us* Carr

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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.