

# FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate  
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*



JESUS MAFA. Jesus raises Lazarus to life, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

MARCH 22, 2026  
11:00 AM

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

*Abide with Me*

William Monk

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.***\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Surely, God is my salvation!

**I will trust, and I will not be afraid,****For the Lord God is my strength and my might.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord, call on His name,****And make known God's deeds among the nations!**

Proclaim that God's name is exalted!

**Let us worship God!****\*HYMN 645***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.***All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sam Harding

*Children attending Kids' Church may meet Mrs. Patterson in the Narthex.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:6-11 (NT, pg. 157)

John 11:17-44 (NT, pg. 105)

Jon Sweringen

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Real Empathy

Rev. Dr. John Bell

**\*HYMN 809***Why Has God Forsaken Me?*

SHIMPI

**\*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 to hell. The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
arr. Hal Hopson

*Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy. Wash me through and through from all my sin.  
Lord, blot out all my guilt and shame. Hear my prayer. My transgressions bear upon me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer.*

*Lord, make pure my heart, inspire my thoughts to know Your truth. O cast me not away, O Lord.  
Your Holy Spirit guard my soul. Lord, make pure my heart, inspire my thoughts to know Your truth.  
Guard my heart and soul. Make pure my heart. O hear my prayer.*

*Lord, restore the joy, restore the joy of Your salvation.  
Renew my spirit, Lord. Hear my prayer, O hear my prayer, O Lord.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 740**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Lord Bless You*

E. Fred Morris

*The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you, may His love ever, always surround you;  
protect you and guide you in all that you do; our prayer for you. Amen.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*'Petra'*

Philip Moore

+++

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Interim Pastor (john@fcpc.us)  
The Rev. Cheryl Khylllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)  
Jon Sweringen, Liturgist  
Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir  
S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)  
Don Megahan, Organist (don@fcpc.us)  
Sam Harding, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry (sam@fcpc.us)  
Barbara Patterson, Kids' Church Leader  
Howard Havlicsek, Audio Engineer  
Alex Shroyer, Livestream (alex@fcpc.us)  
Nellie Boehm, Caretaker (nellie@fcpc.us)

---

## For Children and Families during 11:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

**Children ages 3 to 5th grade** are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to Kids Kingdom (Lowest Level), where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

**Nursery care** is available for ages 0-3 in Kids Kingdom (Lowest Level).

**The Comfort Space** is available in Room 107 (near the main entrance) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights pg. 3 for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

## Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of beloved husband and father, Douglas Ahlstedt by Linda Ahlstedt.

---

**HEARING DEVICES** are available in the Sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

**LICENSES** CCLI License # 1238538; Streaming License # CSPL091436; One License # 737738-A