

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.*



FEBRUARY 22, 2026

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Meditation: Love Unknown

Francis Jackson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. John Bell

INTROIT

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan

*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!*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

God created in the wilderness.

The Israelites found God in the wilderness.

Jesus said “no” to the Tempter time and time again.

Jesus claimed His identity in the wilderness.

We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

For God is with us—before, through, and after the wilderness.

Let us worship God! Amen.

***HYMN 166**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Cheryl Khylllep

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Creation, the psalms remind us that even before a word is on our tongue, You know it completely. You know the prayers we bring before You today—confessions of greed and doubt. Fear and anxiety, conflict and regret. Free us from these sins. Give us the strength to say “no” to that which separates us from You, and “yes” to the things that let love grow. Guide us out of our self-centered wilderness spaces and into light. Gratefully we pray, 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

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (OT, pg. 2)

Rich Lockwood

Matthew 4:1-11 (NT, pg. 3)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In the Wilderness Together

Rev. Dr. John Bell

***HYMN 833**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

***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

Romance

Sergei Rachmaninoff

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 546**

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Danish Amen
Amen, amen, amen.*

***POSTLUDE**

St. Flavian

David Schelat

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** 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)
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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 insert 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 Robert Thompson by Jocelyn Thompson.

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.

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