



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 – 8:15AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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

OFFERING

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

*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!**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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.

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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** Please stand as you are able.*

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