



SUN 8:15 AM
MARCH 16, 2025

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord: Instead of the joy meant for him, he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace.

We worship you, Lord.

O Jesus Christ, born in humility to confound the proud and to raise the humble:

We worship you, Lord.

You lived among us, healing the sick, proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

We worship you, Lord.

You came to unbind the chains of every slavery, O friend of the humble, bread of hungry hearts.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, full of patience and goodness, you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you call to yourself all who are weary and burdened.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life; you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges, and nailed to a cross.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, Lord of the universe, by your resurrection from the dead you are alive at the Father's side, and there you prepare a place for us.

We worship you, Lord.

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Receive the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*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

Psalm 27 (OT, pg. 503)
Luke 6:27-36(NT, pg. 64)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

To You That Listen

Rev. Roger Owens

OFFERING

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

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.**

We give you thanks and praise, O God...

... Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your praise:

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!

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Now pour out your Holy Spirit...

...all glory is yours, O God, now and always. **Amen.**

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

Today we will receive communion by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it into the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O God, for here at your table you have transformed us from individuals into the body of Christ. Make us strong for your service that we may be messengers of your reconciling love for all people. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)

Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Co-Senior Pastor (roger@fcpc.us)

Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Designated Associate Pastor (rebecca@fcpc.us)

Don Megahan, Interim Organist

