

Old First Presbyterian Church



The Second Sunday in Lent March 1, 2026

Worship Through Praising God

Easy-to-use earphones to assist with hearing are available from the ushers.

Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

** At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude Three Settings of *Durch Adams Fall* (Through Adam's Fall)
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Gottfried August Homilius (1714-1785)

Music Note: Dietrich Buxtehude taught Pachelbel, who taught Bach, who taught Homilius.

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Love is Little Quaker song, South Union, KY, 1834
Arranged by Kevin Siegfried (born 1969)

Love is little, love is low,
Love will make my spirit grow.
Grow in peace, grow in light,
Love will do the thing that's right.

***Call to Worship**

Leader Tell me something good!

People God loves you more than you could imagine.

Leader Tell me something good!

People God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Leader Tell me something good!

People God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

Leader This is good news indeed!

People Let us worship our compassionate God.

***Hymn 201 A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar**

- 1 A prophet-woman broke a jar,
by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,
the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
preparing Christ for dying.
- 2 A faithful woman left a tomb
by Love's divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb
with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
apostle to apostles.
- 3 Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung unwritten, and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls
our shame and sadness mending.
- 4 The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls
from women, men, and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

Prayer of
Confession
People

Betty Voris

Merciful God:

Did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?
Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?
Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?
Or did we cross the street?
Did we avert our eyes?
Did we come up with every excuse in the book?
God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.
But we must admit,
we have a long way to go.
Forgive us for the times
when we let bias, scarcity, exhaustion, or fear
get in the way of love.

Let us pray silently.

Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Faith family,
even when we act with judgment,
even when we are guided by fear,
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,
God does not turn God's back on us.
So join me in this good-news declaration:

All

**God sees us.
God forgives us.
God invites us to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

***Response**

In God's Sight

Luscombe/Gaine

We sing the phrase three times.

The musical notation consists of two staves in treble clef with a common time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, with lyrics 'In God's sight we are made whole- we are' written below it. Chords F, em, and am are indicated above the notes. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'full of God's love- Al- le- lu- ia, A- men! (In God's)' written below it. Chords dm, C/E, dm, G7, and C are indicated above the notes.

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Anthem Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Christ, He requires still, where-so-e'er he comes
to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant him the nobler part
of all the house, the best of all's the heart.

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

**Time with
Our Children**

***The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of the
People**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Partners

Ed Frauenheim and Rowena Richie, Skyla and Julius; Amberle Gallup;
Claudia Garrison; Madison Germuska; Fernando González

**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.**

Anthem

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

God, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.
God, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Scripture Matthew 25:35-40 (page 62), Luke 7:36-50 (page 27)
Leader The Word of God in scripture.
People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn** **Whatever You Do to the Least Ones of These**
Sung to the tune of "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Hymn 12)
- 1 **"Whatever you do to the least ones of these,
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew
That when we serve others, we also serve you.**
 - 2 **When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,
When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,
When thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" —
We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.**
 - 3 **In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise;
We see you in people whom others despise.
At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer
And find, when we visit the sick, you are there.**
 - 4 **When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands
And offer our hearts there, and offer our hands —
We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace:
We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.**
 - 5 **"Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear
That when we serve others, we're serving you here.
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,
Then out of the chaos, hope rises again.**

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***Charge and
Benediction**

During the postlude please reflect on the following questions.

Mr. Rodgers once said, "Everyone longs to be loved. And the greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving."

How do these words help you to think about how you show love?

Who is the neighbor you are called to love?

Next, write your answer on one of the leaf post-it notes and place it on the poster.

Postlude Exultation!

G. Winston Cassler (1908-1990)

*You may either depart or take a seat to listen to the postlude, as you wish.
However, do please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.*

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A Sanctified Art

This morning's image, call to worship, confession and assurance of forgiveness are adapted from texts by the Reverend Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Today's Coffee Hour

Linda Reyder has given today's coffee hour in memory of Jessie McFadyen.

Devotionals and Fish-Boxes for Lent

Please pick up a set of daily devotional cards and a fish-box for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in the narthex. If you forget to pick them up, we can mail them to you: let Brad in the church office know: brad@oldfirst.org

You can also access a weekly on-line devotional booklet from A Sanctified Art, which you can find in Pastor Maggi's weekly email or on Old First's website. You can visit our website using either the QR-code on the right or this address: <https://www.oldfirst.org/index>



This Week at Old First

- Sunday March 1, Second Sunday in Lent**
- After Worship Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 pm O1C: Chopin Birthday Gala
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Saturday March 7**
- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
- Sunday March 8, Third Sunday in Lent**
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Worship
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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