

Fairview Presbyterian Church
March 1, 2026 • 2nd Sunday in Lent

We Gather Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Andante" Classical

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tony Grimsley

Leader: The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble.

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Even when fear strikes us, we do not despair, for we belong to God.

People: We will walk in faith, trusting the Spirit's presence, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand.

Leader: We come to sing praise to the Lord our God

People: We lift our voices together in thanksgiving.

OPENING PRAYER Tony Grimsley

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to do wondrous things: to call into being things that do not exist, even to give life to the dead. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

*HYMN#686 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" English

CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and restored!

SUNG RESPONSE(Gloria) #126 "Holy Lord" Latin

**Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
Your glory fills the earth, Lord God of Hosts.
Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
Your glory fills the earth, Lord God of Hosts.**

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Tony Grimsley

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life.

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 121

ANTHEM "Medley of the Cross" Traditional

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17

SERMON "A Conversation in the Night" Rev. Melissa Tidwell

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN#97 "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above" German

CALL FOR OFFERING

All that we have is a gift from God. In faith and gratitude, we return now a portion of what we have so abundantly received, as grateful heirs of the promises of God.

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Something for Thee" Traditional

*DOXOLOGY#817 "O Bless the Gifts" Contemporary

**O bless the gifts our hands have brought,
And bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought,
The rest, O God is in Your hand. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the family of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks & praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy God, giver of wine and bread, send us from your table in confidence that we are your own children, born of your Spirit, fed at your table, filled with your grace, sent to speak your truth and offer your love to the world in the name of Christ; Amen

We Carry the Word into the World

*HYMN#654 "Change My Heart, O God" Contemporary

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#237

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" English

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, Thy love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, o refresh us,

Traveling thro' this wilderness. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Until we meet again, may the peace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you. Amen.