

Fairview Presbyterian Church
March 15, 2026 • 4th Sunday in Lent

We Gather Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Russell

Leader: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord.

People: In this house, we worship the one whose compassion gathers the outcast and the lost, and heals the wounds of fear.

Leader: May this house be a community of reconciliation that embodies God's merciful love and rejoices in God's astounding grace.

People: We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and blesses.

Leader: Lift your hearts, raise your voices, and join the heavenly host who forever sing:

People: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

OPENING PRAYER

Janet Russell

God of heaven and earth, in a cloud of confusion, we seek revelation. In the face of manipulation, we seek truth.

In the gloom of regret, we seek new life. Speak to us now; grant us intention and tenderness, so that we may witness to your work in the world and in us, through Jesus the Christ, our healer and hope. Amen.

*HYMN#452 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus, certain that he would help them. With that same confidence, let us confess our failings and seek forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we discount another's pain or overlook neighbors in distress, forgive us. When we think others less deserving of grace and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted, forgive us. Have mercy upon us Lord, and heal our brokenness so that every word and deed that proceeds from our hearts might glorify you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From generation to generation, God's love overcomes human sinfulness. God is committed to fresh starts and new creations. This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are healed and made whole.

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

Janet Russell

Gracious God, open the eyes of our hearts, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see your glory made manifest. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

"My Life, My All"

GOSPEL READING

John 9: 1-41

SERMON "Conversation about Sight" Rev. Melissa Tidwell

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN#429 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Baptismal Vows

Prayer over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

*HYMN#465 "Baptized in Water"

CALL FOR OFFERING

Our lives overflow with the goodness of God. Sharing what we have so abundantly received, we bring now our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and gratitude.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*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 light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen.

We Carry the Word into the World

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.