

Celebrate

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

THE WAY



First
Church

Celebrate Service - February 22, 2026

We Gather

Prelude

Preparing Together

Prayer for the Path

God of the Pilgrimage, be with us on The Way. At times, we don't know if we are on the path you would have us travel. How do we know the direction for our lives? We come seeking your guidance, as Jesus showed us to do. Help us to be at home even in our wanderings, knowing that you are ever with us. Amen.

Song

"Bless Now O God the Journey"

Greeting Each Other

The Children Lead

We Proclaim

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 3: 21; Luke 4: 1-13

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

The Message in Music
Chancel Choir
"When Jesus Walked the Wilderness"
By Lloyd Larson

Prayers for Getting Out of Our Own Way
Pastor Kory Pritchett

Dear God,
I am full of anxious questions.
I am short on reasonable answers.
I am trapped by my own inability
to make a decision.
I am reluctant to express my feelings.
I am afraid of the consequences.
I want a guarantee that everything
will work to my benefit.
There are times when I hope that
someone will take over for me.
There are times when I know
I must do it myself.
That is when I am fearful that
I am not strong enough.
I am not wise enough.
I am not caring enough.
If it is possible,
let that cup pass from me,
but if not...
Hear this: No matter what juncture you find yourself on in your journeys, you are never alone in your "wondering while wandering." Whether or not you know it, believe it, or feel it, Jesus is with you now because Jesus has been on this road and knows just how hard it can be. You are forgiven and carried, especially when you think you are at the end of the road. May it be so.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord
Be the air I breathe
Meet me in the stillness, Lord
Free me to receive

Praying for Others Along the Way
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Go Forth

Song

"The Summons (Kelvingrove)"

Benediction

The Creator God filled you with breath,
inviting you to this journey called Life.

We will follow on The Way.

Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means
to make a new way with Love.

We will follow on The Way.

The Spirit gives us strength to move forward
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.

We will follow on The Way.

May this week be filled with opportunities to choose
good over evil; humility over pride;
and loving God over loving the things that do not last.
May it be so. Amen.

“Buen Camino!”

Postlude

Prayers

Concerns Shared

Chad McLaughlin, Diana Hoke's nephew
John Anderson

All in need of prayer

Those In Memory Care

Jack Gaunt

Pat Staver

Active Military

As we update our list of active military personnel, we invite First Church families to share the names of any immediate family members currently serving. Please contact Ronda at rkroeschen@fumcwl.org and include each military member's name and rank.

AWR1 Isaiah Hale

Alex Turco

James Beaty

Worship Team

Audio/Visual

Livestream:

Riley Schellingerhout

Slides:

Brian Martin

Soundboard:

Evora Schellingerhout

Liturgists

Liturgist:

Diana Hoke

John Jones

Musicians

Piano:

Ryan Madden

Pastors

Lead Pastor:

Duane Carlisle

Assistant Pastor:

Kory Pritchett

Vocals

Soprano:

Gail Polles

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Bless Now, O God, the Journey

G C D Em Am D

1. Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the
 2. Bless so-pourners and pilgrons who share this wind-ing way, whose
 3. Di-vine E-ter-nal Lov-er, you meet us on the road. We

6 G C D C G Am D G C/D Bm/D

path through noise and si-lence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in
 hope burn through the ter-ness, whose love suc-tains the day. We yearn for ho-ly
 wait for lands of prom-ise where milk and hon-ey flow. But wait-ing not for

11 G Am G Am Dsus D G C D C G Am D

des-ert and wind the moun-tain round, then leads be side still wa-ters, the road where faith is
 free-dom while of-ten we are bound. To-gether we are seek-ing the road where faith is
 plac-es, you meet us all a-round. Our cov-e-nant is writ-ten on roads, as faith is

17 G

found.
 found.
 found.

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 Music: Hel R. B. Danger, 1953–1997
 Music: John M. Benstrand, 1957–1998
 Music: John H. Macherstein, 1997–1989

The Summons


Words by
John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Music
Scottish melody, Kelvingrove

VERSE


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F C7 Dm Gm7



1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your
5. Lord, Your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call my

7 Csus C F C7 Dm Gm7



name? Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be
name? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be
name? Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be
name? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be
name. Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be

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14 B \flat /C F Gm7 B \flat

the same? Will you let My love be shown, will you
 the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 the same. In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your

21 Am7 B \flat 6 Csus C F C7 Dm

let My name be known? Will you let My life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let Me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in

28 Gm7 B \flat /C F

you and you in Me?
 you and you in Me?
 you and you in Me?
 you and you in Me?
 You and You in me.

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GET INVOLVED

No Tech Experience Required

Want to be part of the magic that streams our services to the world? It's easy and all takes place upstairs in a tech booth. You would toggle between three cameras as our services unfold, select the online display and adjust audio levels.

Or, how about changing the slides during the service? It's done in a booth next to the streaming team. The words are scripted and so very easy to follow.

Is there someone you know who would enjoy this opportunity? No tech experience required! Ideally, we would have two people running the boards at each service. For a training session, contact Assistant Pastor Kory Pritchett or Music Director Charis Vander Plaats: <https://www.fumcwl.org/contact-us/> or call 765-743-1285.

Sign up for euchre

Join us for euchre 5:45 PM to 8:30 PM on the second Wednesdays of the month. Our next play date is Feb. 11. We usually have about five tables each month and lots of laughs. Get on the evite list by contacting Jeanne Norberg jnorberg@purdue.edu.

Sing a song, read a scripture:

At the 11 AM service we need volunteers to lead the singing of two hymns during worship or read the scriptures. Contact Charis Vander Plaats, director of music and arts: cplaats@fumcwl.org

A Welcoming Place

We try to meet everyone on Sunday with a cup of coffee or tea, cookies and a warm hello. Can you help?

- Our Greeter Team is looking for members for both services to welcome folks, hand out bulletins and answer questions.. Contact John Norberg, jbnorberg@purdue.edu, 765-426-5474.
- Our Hospitality Team brews coffee at 8:30 a.m. Sundays, sets out other beverages and treats, and then cleans up at 11:15. The signup sheet is on the counter there. We can break the work into two shifts—one early to set up and one later to cleanup..
- 1ST Sunday Brunch: Signup to assist or donate food by clicking the link in the weekly e-newsletter or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49afad2fa13-first#/> or contact Tim Delworth, delworth@purdue.edu.
- PM— on Thursdays, email jnorberg@purdue.edu. Hats off to those who have volunteered so far: Carol Starr, Judith Forsyth, Connie Nicholson, Casie Schomer, Terry Wade, Jeanne Norberg, Diana Hoke.