

First Up

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

THE WAY



First
Church

First Up - February 22, 2026

We Gather

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

"My Lighthouse"

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.

L: The Word of God in scripture for the Word of God among us for the Word of God within us...

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Song
"Slow and Steady"
Tophouse

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...

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
"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

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!”

My Lighthouse

by Rend Collective Experiment

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus 1

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Misc 1

(Bridge)

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(REPEAT 3X)

© 2013 Thankyou Music
CCLI Song # 7002032 -- CCLI License # 12186201

Slow and Steady

Verse 1

There's hills to climb, slow and steady
But I'm not ready
Take the plunge, but it's so heavy
And I'm not ready

Chorus 1

Can't always spend your life
Thinking 'bout tomorrow
Sometimes you make the choice
And will your feet to follow
There's hills to climb, slow and steady
I'll never be ready

Verse 2

I'm passing through, do I take my chances?
I just want answers
Just gotta move, oh, join the dancin'
I just want answers

Chorus 2

Can't always spend your time
Worrying 'bout the future

If you don't live your life
It'll pass you by, and you lose it
I'm passing through, do I take my chances?
I won't get answers

Verse 3

The road ahead looks good on paper
But I could stay right here
I'm comfortable, I don't know what's out there
I could stay right here

Chorus 3

It's easy lookin' backwards
And dreaming 'bout what's next
But you need courage
Go and take a step
The road ahead looks good on paper
And I can't stay here

Outro

There's hills to climb
Slow and steady
I might be ready

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending 1

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me -

© 2018 CityAlight Music and Remaining portion is unaffiliated
CCLI Song # 7121852 -- CCLI License # 12186202

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

Band

Acoustic Guitar:

Kory Pritchett

Drums:

TJ Delgado

Electric Guitar:

Nick Clinkenbeard

Keys:

Ryan Madden

Vocal:

Amanda Hedden

Roger Salazar

Pastors

Lead Pastor:

Duane Carlisle

Assistant Pastor:

Kory Pritchett

Quick Links



[Giving](#)



[Bulletin](#)



[Check In](#)

Feb. 22, 2026



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.