

Celebrate

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

THE WAY



First
Church

Celebrate Service - March 8, 2026

We Gather

Preparing Together

Prelude

Prayer for the Path

God of the Bending Road, be with us on The Way. We find ourselves changed by the things we encounter and the people we meet. We want to grow and yet sometimes the growing pains can be disorienting for everyone. Help us as we navigate the twists and turns, and help us see that others are doing the same.

Amen.

Song

""Lord, We Confess We Turn Away""

Tune: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Greeting Each Other

The Children Lead

We Proclaim

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 13: 31-34

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

The Message in Music

"I'm On My Way"

Gail Polles and Charis Vander Plaats

Arr. Anthony Trecek-King

Prayers for Getting Out of Our Own Way

Pastor Kory Pritchett

Dear God,

I am not always sure I know
what I want for myself.

I am surrounded by some people
who want me to be more than I am,
and others who want me to be less.

What is worse,

I have those same expectations of others.

Sometimes that makes it difficult for me
to get my head and my heart
having in the same direction.

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

"Guide My Feet"

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 let others share with you their journey stories,
and for you to share yours
so you might come to know each other more fully.

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 Diana Hoke

Slides:

Charis Vander Plaats

Soundboard:

Evora Schellingerhout

Liturgists

Liturgist:

Diana Hoke

Musicians

Piano:

Charis Vander Plaats Duane Carlisle

Pastors

Lead Pastor:

Duane Carlisle

Assistant Pastor:

Kory Pritchett

Vocals

Alto:

Gail Polles

Soprano:

Anna Clark

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Lord, We Confess We Turn Away

Tune: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

Lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

1. Lord we con - fess we - turn a - way The ve - ry
2. Yougrievedfor old Je - ru - sa - lem For you were
3. Lord, call us out and - draw us - in when we would
4. May we who lis ten - to your - voice, Be still, be

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ones we need to - day. God's pro - phets speak out - loud and -
like a mo - ther - hen Whobroughther brood be - neath her -
ra - ther side with - sin Let the pro - phe tic - things you -
wise, then make a - choice. You call us to a - life that's -

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-clear, Yet pro - phets speak out loud and - clear.
-wings While they were drawn to o ther - things.
-say still chal - lenge how we live this - day.
-new; Lord, may we now re turn to - you.

Biblical Reference: Luke 13:31-35 Tune: Thomas Tallis

Guide My Feet

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1. Guide my feet while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)

2. Hold my hand ...

4. I'm your child ...

3. Stand by me ...

5. Search my heart ...

6. Guide my feet ...

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GET INVOLVED



Donate this month to food pantry

This is one of three months this year when FUMC has pledged to donate to the Tippecanoe United Food Pantry, 1314 Tippecanoe St. It is operated by Church Women United, a non-denominational group. Please donate shelf-stable food (canned items: fruits & vegetables, tomatoes, beans, soup, pasta sauces. Boxed goods: cereal, macaroni & cheese, pasta, rice, crackers. Peanut butter is also always appreciated) and plastic bags for the pantry and place in bins near FUMC front doors. Mail checks to Tippecanoe County United Food Pantry, 3116 Sullivan St., W. Laf., IN 47906.



Explore reality of and solution to homelessness

Learn the history of homeless services in our county, review current programs, and engage in a guided Q&A, "Beyond the Bridge," 5 PM Tuesday, March 10 at Connection Point Church, 2541 Cumberland Ave., WL. The gathering, sponsored by Lafayette Urban Ministry and Lafayette Transitional Housing Center, is free, but you must RSVP. Contact: LTHC (765) 423-4880; LUM (765) 423-2691.



Feeding our homeless neighbors

In addition to an emergency shelter and dinners, Lafayette Urban Ministries offers bagged meals. LUM needs 40 bagged meals dropped off 8-9 PM each weekday. Think sandwiches, fruit and snacks like you'd find in a school lunch bag. Consider getting together with others to buy and assemble meals for one night. Contact LUM: (765) 423-2691.



No Kings March 28

Concerned about our government's methods?

Join the next No Kings rally on March 28, from 1-4 PM. People

will gather at the Sonya Margerum Fountain next to Tapawingo Park in West Lafayette at 1 PM, walk over the pedestrian bridge and around the courthouse, and back across the bridge to the Power to the People Community Fair at the Tapawingo pavillion. The organizers will provide live music, speakers, community organizations, and food trucks.



Euchre time!

Join us for euchre 5:45 PM to 8:30 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We usually have about five tables each month and lots of laughs. Get on the evite list by contacting Jeanne Norberg jnorberg@purdue.edu.

