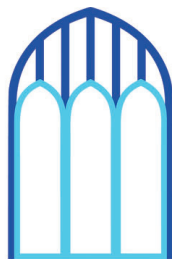


# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



## International Women's Day Service

March 9, 2025 | 11:00 AM



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Servant Church in the City Since 1827*

## First's Mission Statement

The life of the church is the response of faith and obedience to the call of God in Christ. Gathered: We worship and sing, study and pray. We enjoy fellowship together. Forgiven by God: we learn to forgive other people. Sent forth: We serve as leaven, salt and light, to be agents of God's love in Savannah and the larger world.

## Music Note

**Florence Price's Adoration**, composed in 1951, is a graceful and heartfelt piece that reflects her deep connection to both classical traditions and African American musical heritage. As the first Black woman to have a symphony performed by a major American orchestra—the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933—Price broke barriers in a field long dominated by white men, excluding women and people of color. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, she studied at the New England Conservatory and later built a prolific career despite the systemic racism and sexism of her time. Drawing inspiration from African American spirituals and folk music, she composed over 300 works, ensuring that her legacy endures as a vital figure in both American and women's musical history.

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## First Sunday in Lent

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Romans 12:9-13

*\*Text written in bold is said by the entire congregation.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price (1887-1953)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gay Gunter

*Please stand as able.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Judith Crawford

One: Come as you are.

**All: If you have deep faith, or your faith has run dry,**

One: if you know every scripture or none at all,

**All: if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,**

One: or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,

**All: come as you are.**

One: This is God's house.

**All: None are turned away.**

One: All are welcome here.

HYMN 324

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in  
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -  
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with  
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to  
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay  
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to  
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and  
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her  
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er  
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

F B $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$   
 glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their  
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to  
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her  
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful  
 (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)  
 Cm7 A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Fm B $\flat$  E $\flat$   
 lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.  
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.  
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.  
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

*Please be seated*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Debbie Taylor

God of Grace, We long to do the “right” thing. We long to make the “right” choice. We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely.

Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the way. Amen.

RESPONSE

Take, O Take Me as I Am

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

*The choir sings once, then the congregation repeats.*

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall  
 be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Music Note

Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. wrote **For All the Faithful Women** in 1993 to honor the often-overlooked contributions of women in the biblical story and the life of the church. A Lutheran pastor and professor, as well as a prolific hymn writer, Stuempfle structured this hymn with a general opening and closing, while the middle stanzas could be customized to highlight specific women—such as Ruth, Mary, or Elizabeth—making it highly adaptable for different occasions. Inspired by the traditional hymn *For All the Saints*, his text offers a poetic and deeply theological recognition of women’s faith and service.

*In this sacred season of Lent, we turn our hearts to repentance and renewal, following a path first laid in the fourth century, when this holy observance grew into a forty-day journey of fasting, preparation, and devotion. From its earliest days, Lent has called the faithful to examine their hearts, to forsake what hinders, and to walk more fully in the way of Christ. Setting aside the Gloria, we embrace a humbler response, yielding ourselves to God’s transforming hand. To be his disciples is to surrender what we have been, that we might be shaped into what we are called to be. Lent is our passage from the old to the new, a solemn turning from self to the divine, so that we may walk in his grace and be made ready for Easter’s dawn.*



**The Passing of the Peace** is more than a greeting—it is a Christ-commanded act rooted in scripture and the early church. It signifies the peace of the risen Christ, the promise of New Creation, and God's ongoing work. When we extend peace each Sunday, we are not just exchanging words but actively sharing in Christ's mission and the peace he has given us.

After the **Time with Children**, Kindergarten and younger children may depart to the Preschool for Extended Session. 1st through 5th grade children may depart for Children's Worship in the John Knox Room.

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

Melissa Miles

*Please stand as able.*

## WORDS OF PEACE

Ellen Tate

Liturgist: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also, with you.

*Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then be seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allison Johnson

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register at this time.*

## INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

Allison Shearouse

## HYMN 20


All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

*We will sing verse 1 as the children come forward.*

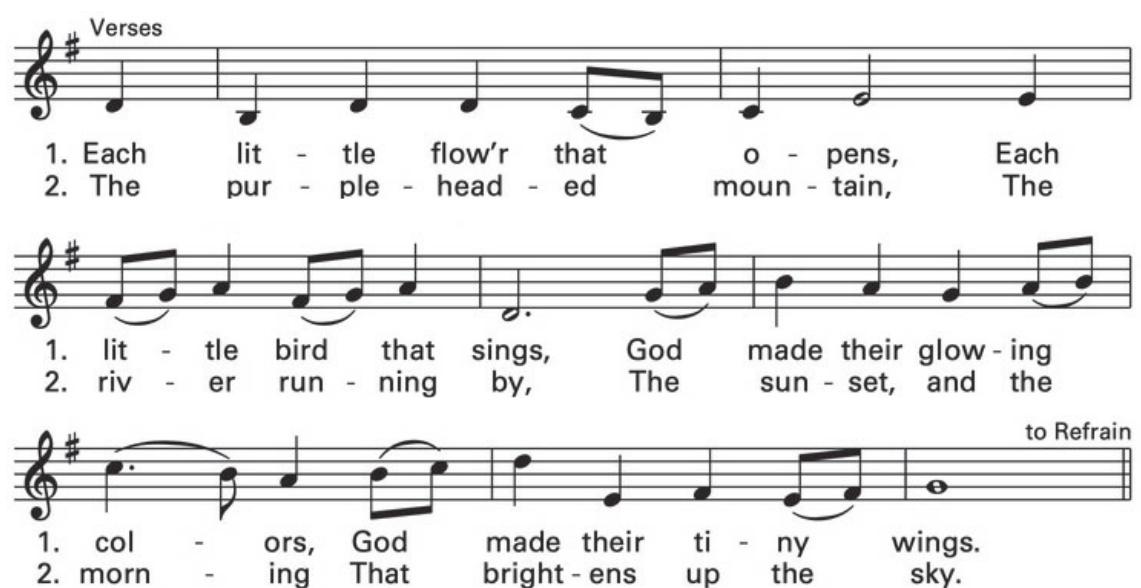
*We will sing verse 2 as the children depart following the Time with Children.*

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea - tures great and small,  
All things wise and won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all.

Verses



1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each  
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, The  
1. lit - tle bird that sings, God made their glow - ing  
2. riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set, and the  
1. col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
2. morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.

to Refrain

## UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Raven Herrington

Loving God, When our anxiety hovers close, when fear clings to our bones, when our stress rises like the tide, see us. Speak to us. Call us by name. See us in the kitchen, in the classroom, in the hospital waiting room. Speak to us in the quiet, in the crowd, in the inky black of night. Call us beloved. Call us by name. Call us your child. Whatever you do, speak to us, for we cannot live on bread alone. Amen.

Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys and said to her young men, “Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you.” But she did not tell her husband Nabal. As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her, and she met them. Now David had said, “Surely it was in vain that I protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him, but he has returned me evil for good. God do so to David[a] and more also if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him.” When Abigail saw David, she hurried and dismounted from the donkey and fell before David on her face, bowing to the ground. She fell at his feet and said, “Upon me alone, my lord, be the guilt; please let your servant speak in your ears and hear the words of your servant. My lord, do not take seriously this ill-natured fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him, but I, your servant, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent.

“Now then, my lord, as the Lord lives and as you yourself live, since the Lord has restrained you from bloodguilt and from taking vengeance with your own hand, now let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be like Nabal. And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. Please forgive the trespass of your servant, for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord, and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. If anyone should rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living under the care of the Lord your God, but the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling. When the Lord has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you and has appointed you prince over Israel, my lord shall have no cause of grief or pangs of conscience for having shed blood without cause or for having saved himself. And when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant.”

PSALM 36

Human Wickedness and Divine Goodness

Sher Claus

*The congregation reads responsively.*

Transgression speaks to the wicked  
deep in their hearts;  
**\*there is no fear of God  
before their eyes.**

For they flatter themselves in their own eyes  
**\*that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.**

The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit;  
**\*they have ceased to act wisely and do good.**

They plot mischief while on their beds;  
**\*they are set on a way that is not good;  
they do not reject evil.**

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
**\*your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;  
**\*your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
**\*All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

*Our readings for this first Sunday in Lent, which also coincides with International Women’s Sunday, explore the themes of wisdom, peace, and the strength found in discernment, all set against the dangers of reckless power.*

*In 1 Samuel, Abigail demonstrates courage and insight, intervening with diplomacy to prevent the violence sparked by Nabal’s arrogance and David’s anger. Her actions stand in stark contrast to the impulsiveness of both men, showing that true power lies in peacemaking and prudence.*

*Psalm 36 contrasts the corruption of the wicked, who act without understanding or restraint, with the steadfast love of God, the source of refuge and justice.*

*In the Gospel reading, Mary chooses to be fully present with Jesus, embracing divine wisdom over the distractions of worldly obligations.*

*Together, these readings highlight the power of thoughtful action, the pursuits of patience, and the ways in which wisdom prevails over recklessness. These are timely reminders for both the Lenten journey and the ongoing work of honoring women’s voices in the world.*

## Music Note

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, is a prolific hymn writer and Presbyterian pastor. Her hymns, which address spiritual and social concerns, have been commissioned by organizations such as the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, and Habitat for Humanity. The Presbyterian Church (USA) honored her with the "Ecumenical and Interreligious Service Recognition," and her work has been featured in The New Yorker, NPR, and national PBS-TV. Carolyn views hymn writing as a partnership and hopes her hymns inspire discipleship and enrich worship across traditions.*

## Our Guest Preacher

*Rev. Deanie Strength serves as the Stated Clerk / Director of Administration for Savannah Presbytery. Deanie has been active in Savannah Presbytery since becoming a member in 1999 when she was called to St. Simons Presbyterian Church and was ordained to serve as its Associate Pastor. She enjoys being a volunteer musician in the chancel and bell choirs of First Presbyterian Church, Savannah. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She lives in Savannah with her family where she has also been an active supporter of the fine and performing arts at Savannah Country Day School and within the community.*

They feast on the abundance of your house,  
**\*and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;  
**\*in your light we see light.**

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you  
**\*and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me  
**\*or the hand of the wicked drive me away.**

There the evildoers lie prostrate;  
**\*they are thrust down, unable to rise.**

*Please stand as able.*

## HYMN

## Martha Labored in the Kitchen

## NETTLETON



1. Mar - tha la - bored in the kit - chen; there was much yet to be  
2. Ma - ry sat and humb - ly lis - tened to their guest, her Friend and  
3. God, we see in her dis - trac - tion, Mar - tha lost sight of her  
4. Were there days when Ma - ry la - bored, help - ing oth - ers, serv - ing



done! There was cook - ing, clean - ing, bak - ing— too much work for a - ny -  
Lord. She just thought of Je - sus' teach - ing— not the need for bread and  
goal; In her grumb - ling and com - plain - ing, she for - got food for the  
well? Were there times when Mar - tha sa - vored sto - ries Je - sus loved to



one. For the — Lord had come to vi - sit; Je - sus — sat there as her  
board. So when Mar - tha came com - plain - ing, seek - ing — Ma - ry's help that  
soul. For there's al - ways some - thing pres - sing, some - thing ur - gent we must  
tell? May we — wor - ship, pray, and stu - dy; may we — serve you well to -



guest. So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.  
day, Je - sus turned to her ex - plain - ing, "Ma - ry chose the bet - ter way.  
do, Yet for us there's al - so bles - sing in the time we spend with you.  
day! All are need - ed on the jour - ney as we tra - vel Je - sus' way.

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 10: 38-42

Jenell Griffith

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Attending to Jesus*

Rev. Deanie Strength



*Please stand.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

Maryanne Hedrick

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

*Please be seated.*

**THE PRAYERS AND OFFERING**

Linda Barnes

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Set Me As a Seal*

René Clausen (b. 1953)

*Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. (Song of Songs 8: 6-7)*

*Please stand as able.*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



Formed in 1983 by the reunion of two predecessor churches, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) sought to articulate a shared identity amid diversity through a **Brief Statement of Faith.**

This excerpt from the statement draws broadly from Scripture and the Book of Confessions within a trinitarian framework. Unlike traditional creeds, it highlights Jesus' ministry in Judea and Galilee rather than moving directly from his birth to death. The statement also emphasizes gender inclusiveness by using both feminine and masculine imagery for God, affirms the ordination of women and men, and expresses concern for the integrity of God's creation.

*The Meeting of David and Abigail, 1630*  
Peter Paul Rubens  
(1577-1640)

Each week your gifts, tithes and offerings support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church, Savannah within our facilities and in our community. You are supporting the necessary work of organizations like Emmaus House.

Emmaus House is an unrestricted soup kitchen; no one is ever turned away, no questions asked. It is a place of respite from the outside elements for individuals experiencing homelessness. The clients come from shelters, homeless camps and/or living on the street. The leaders of Emmaus House believe that everyone, regardless of their circumstance, has the right to a hot meal, clean clothing and a hot shower. Each week on Tuesday mornings a group from First prepares meals.



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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN 733

We All are One in Mission

WOODBIRD

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.



## BENEDICTION

Rev. Deanie Strength

*Please be seated.*

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

John Ferguson (1941-2025)

Jesus walked this lonesome valley;  
He had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;  
He had to walk it by himself.

## POSTLUDE

Andante molto, op. 22

Clara Schumann (1819-1896)



## Music Note

*Clara Schumann* was a pianist, composer, and musical trailblazer who defied the constraints of her time. A child prodigy, she captivated audiences with both her virtuosity and deep musical expression. Though often overshadowed by her husband, Robert Schumann, she composed many exquisite works and championed composers like Brahms. Her enduring artistry makes her music a fitting tribute for our International Women's Sunday Service.

## Art Note

### Mary & Martha

Artist | *Lauren Wright Pittman*

In this image, Mary eagerly reaches toward Jesus. Her clothing is patterned with mustard seeds and flowers because her faith may seem small, but her boundary-breaking faithfulness will nurture her faith to grow beyond what seems possible. Martha reaches toward Mary to pull her into more “appropriate” work. Martha’s dress is patterned with open hands to image her vital ministry of welcome, service, and cultivating space for Jesus’ message to take root. I imaged Jesus equally affirming both Mary and Martha’s lived-out faiths. He is green, the combination of Mary and Martha’s colors (yellow + blue), showing that he embodies the integration of both faith and works.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 9

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### Sunday, March 9

Sunday School (for all ages) . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Chancel Choir . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Brunch . . . . . 12:00 p.m.  
Youth Group Beach Clean Up . . . 4:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 11

Jubilee Circle . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
First Ladies Lunch . . . . . 12:00 p.m.  
Men's Book Group . . . . . 5:30 p.m.  
Scout Troop . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 12

First Ringers . . . . . 5:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, March 13

Cub Scouts . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

### Friday, March 14

Centering Prayer . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDREN, KINDERGARTEN OR YOUNGER** may go to the Preschool for Extended Session following the children's sermon. Worship bags, designed to help children participate in worship more meaningfully, are available in the narthex.

**CHILDREN, 1st-5th GRADERS** are invited to leave the service after the "Invitation to the Children" to attend a worship service in the John Knox Room. Exploring worship through art, music, faith questions, and interactive prayer will be the focus. They will return to sit in the balcony or with their parents during the Affirmation of Faith.

**REALM LEARNING CHECK IN** after the 11:00 a.m. service. You will have an opportunity to ask questions about account set up & become familiar with access through computer and phone.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WORSHIP & BRUNCH** Our worship is led by the women of First in celebration of International Women's Day. Rev. Deanie Strength is our guest preacher. Following the service a brunch will be served in Stewart Hall. Our brunch is being prepared by Michael Johnson, Brett Lundy, Matt Chase, Josh Herrington and Eric McManus.

**FIRST LADIES LUNCH** will meet on **Tuesday, March 11 at 12:00 p.m.** at Tortuga's in Thunderbolt. All ladies of First and friends are invited to join us. Please contact **Allison Shearouse** at [allison@savannahfpc.org](mailto:allison@savannahfpc.org) if you plan to attend.

**JUBILEE CIRCLE** will meet on **Tuesday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m.** in the John Knox Room.

**MEN'S BOOK GROUP** will meet on **Tuesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m.** in Room 115.

**P.A.C.K. SAVANNAH** needs volunteers on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, as well as **every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** This is an opportunity to continue supporting our Backpack Buddies program and all ages are invited to serve together.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** will be on **March 22** at Wesley Gardens Retreat from **8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** The cost is \$45. You can sign up to attend and to bring an item for the breakfast by contacting **Allison Johnson**; payments can be placed in the Presbyterian Women mailbox in the church office.

**THE SELF-STUDY COMMITTEE** has been hard at work after the conclusion of the Holy Cow congregational assessment and has planned listening sessions held across the church with various groups throughout the month of March. They will be sharing highlights from the survey results and asking questions to our congregation to better understand what we want to see in the future for our church, for our next pastor, and for our community.

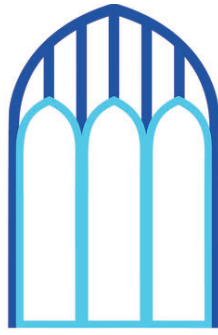
This spring the Self Study report will be shared with the Savannah Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) and then (hopefully) we will be approved to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to begin the search for a new pastor. We are eager to start this search and to see what exciting things are in our church's future! **Questions?** Contact **Jordan Chase** at (912) 257-2718

**SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR** has some open dates this spring. If you would like to sponsor sanctuary flowers for one of the following dates please contact **Mallory Abshire** ([finance@savannahfpc.org](mailto:finance@savannahfpc.org)).

**Available Dates:** March 30, April 6, April 27, and June 8.

**ARTWORK** is inspired by our scripture texts. The cover art was created by **Mia Margerison**. She is a student at Savannah Arts Academy and one of our nursery staff. Her piece is inspired by today's Luke text with Mary, Martha, and Jesus.





# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE SESSION

**Class of 2025:** Natalie F. Chase, Myra P. Hill, Elizabeth H. Longley, Eric J. McManus, Colin A. McRae, John Tatum

**Class of 2026:** Judith G. Crawford, John H. Hinman III, Brett J. Lundy, Emily C. Salzer, Marti Stein, Daniel R. Walters

**Class of 2027:** Lisa Bennett, Jordan Chase, Gay Gunter, Josh Herrington, Michael Johnson, Bill Keightley

**Clerk of Session:** John Tatum

**Elder Emerita:** Rose M. Donnelly

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Daniel J. de Beer, *Interim Minister*; Allison B. Shearouse, *Director of Christian Education*; Dr. Jonathan M. Murphy, *Director of Music*; C. Tanner King, *Communications Coordinator & Music Associate for Children and Youth*; Mallory J. Abshire, *Office Administrator*; Howard Crawford, *Director of Facilities*; Dorothy S. Bunker, *Preschool Director*; Hugh Daniels, *Sexton*

## MISSIONARIES

Farsijana and Bernard Adeney: *Yogyakarta, Indonesia*; Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather: *Yei, South Sudan*; Ellen D. Smith: *Warsaw, Poland*.

## LITURGISTS

Women of First are leading us in all aspects of our worship today in celebration of International Women's Day.

**GREETER:** Charlotte Keenoy | **USHERS:** **Head Usher:** Myra Hill; **Team Members:** Emily Foley, Charlotte Keenoy, Natalie Chase, Lisa Bennett | **ACOYLYTE:** Claire Lundy | **EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS:** Jordan Griffith and Sharon Bromley

**THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR** marks the beginning of the Lord's Day service. The Prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Presbyterian Women. The arrangements in Stewart Hall are prepared by Judith Crawford and Ellen Tate.

**SPECIAL APPRECIATION** to our guest violinist, Ben Cork.

**ONLINE GIVING** Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to First using our secure online portal which can be found at [www.SavannahFPC.org](http://www.SavannahFPC.org) by clicking on the **Give Now** tab at the top right corner of the home page or by scanning our QR code using your smartphone's QR reader.

