

A large, stylized tree graphic in a darker shade of purple, serving as a background for the text. The tree has a thick, curved trunk and several branches with simple, rounded leaves.

# 11:15

## **Worship**

March 10, 2023  
Monteith Hall

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# WELCOME

## We're glad you're here!

This service is designed to explore creative expressions of worship while being a bit more participatory, responsive, and intergenerational. As you worship, feel free to move around, explore the sensory table with art supplies, speak with others, or keep to yourself. We all worship a little bit differently, but together we affirm that our differences are sacred and precious to God. Whether you choose to dance in the middle of the room or embrace silence in the back row, we are so glad that you are here.

## Ways to Give

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

### CASH/CHECK

Place in the offering plate on your way out or in the mail

### ONLINE

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

### TEXT-TO-GIVE

Text the amount to 855-904-1523

### VANCO MOBILE APP



# WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT

March 10, 2024 • 11:15 AM

*\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service,  
please rise in body or spirit.*

## GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CENTERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Side A: *Just as the deer pants for water,*

Side B: *in the same way, our souls long for you, O  
God.*

Side A: *We come to you from places of energy and  
joy,*

Side B: *and from places of exhaustion and grief.*

Side A: *Whether we come from festivities or fasting,*

Side B: *whether you feel close or far today,*

**All: Give us hearts to worship you this morning.**

\*OPENING HYMN 626 "As the Deer"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of the deep, during Lent, we often  
find ourselves plunging into the depths of  
ourselves.

**All: Waves of grief overcome us. Despair  
billows over us and pulls us underwater.**

One: The turbulent waters of our souls leave us  
unsure of where to swim.

**All: Motionless, we sink, and the further we  
sink, the more pressure builds up.**

One: And yet, you are a God of the depths.

**All: Deep meets deep.**

One: You meet us amidst the turbulence.

**All: You know the innermost parts of our being  
even better than we do.**

One: Through reflection, Lord, help us find you in the depths.

**All: Send currents to push us in the right direction**

Silence is kept.

## KYRIE



## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** As you pass the peace, you are invited to share an answer to the question: What does your soul thirst for today? ?

## PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR  
ILLUMINATION #466

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
You alone O Lord are holy.**

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SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 42

SERMON Rev. Tommy Langejans

## RESPONSE

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Your stone represents your life, which is like water. It is washed clean and capable of restoring life to deserted places, but also chaotic and unpredictable.

Close your hand over your stone, and to yourself, name the places in your life that feel chaotic and unpredictable.

When you feel ready, come up to the font and drop your stone into the water, saying out loud or to yourself, "Lord, here I wait in the depths."

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 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.**

## SENDING

CLOSING HYMN 830 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

\*BENEDICTION ...we go out in peace, **to love, to serve, to imagine.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY



## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGES

1. Whenever you feel overwhelmed in the coming week, read Psalm 42 and say a prayer over it. Remember the chaotic nature of life, and the God whose spirit hovers over it, ready to transform it into new life.
2. Listen to (and/or sing) hymn #626, "As the Deer," as you get ready in the morning. It could be while you get ready, or while you drive to work, or any other time at the start of your day. Repeat the refrain at least 3 times.



*Thank you for helping to re-set the chairs in six rows of six chairs on each side of the middle aisle.*

# The Season of Lent

## THIRSTING for JUSTICE

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sundays, February 18 - March 24  
8:30 a.m. | Monteith Hall  
9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary & Livestream  
11:15 a.m. | Monteith Hall

Join us throughout Lent for a time of prayer and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

### LENTEN HOME WORSHIP

Tuesdays, February 20 - March 19  
6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a time of fellowship, a simple meal and a brief worship service in members' homes. Limited to 25 people per gathering. Sign up online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org)

### LENTEN EMAIL DEVOTIONAL

Begin each day with a Lenten devotion written by church members and staff. To receive the email devotion, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

### LENTEN WEEKLY WALKS

As part of our communal Lenten journey, we will take weekly walks along the scenic trails in our community. All ages and stages of life are welcome. A pastoral liaison will guide the group. The day, location, and time are posted on our website. Sign up at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### ALPHA HOUSE WEEK OF CARING

March 18-24

During the week of March 18, volunteer to support guests of Alpha House, a shelter for children and parents. To volunteer, visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sundays, March 24 & 31

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. To give, visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).