

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Lent

March 22, 2026

Welcome and Prayer of Adoration

* Opening Worship

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God,
you call us to bear one another's burdens,
yet we often choose pride over humility.

We judge instead of restore,
grow weary in doing good,
and boast in ourselves rather than in the cross of Christ.

Forgive us.
Teach us to sow to the Spirit
and to live as a new creation in Christ.
Amen.

Please take a moment to personally confess your sins to God.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader:

Hear the good news.

Far be it from us to boast
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through him, the old has passed away
and a new creation has come.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven
and made new.

Thanks be to God.

Kids Church

*All kids kindergarten through 5th grade are invited out the Sanctuary's side door (near the elevator) for Kids Church. Staff and volunteers will lead them through worship, activities, and age-appropriate Bible lessons. **They are welcome to make their own offering on their way downstairs.***

* The Peace of Christ

Because we have been granted peace with God, we extend that same peace to those around us with a warm greeting and welcome.

Offering and Offertory Music

Lawson Schmidt

As an act of worship, we invite you to give towards God's Kingdom work here.

* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #286

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (1-3)

Scripture Reading

Galatians 6:1-18

Next week's Scripture passage: Matthew 21:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Sow the Gospel, Reap a New Life

Pastor Mike Olmsted

* Hymn #185

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (1-4)

* Benediction and Response

Go Now In Peace

** Please stand if you are able.*

Today's Scripture Passage: Galatians 6:1-18

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

MONDAY MAR 23

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

TUESDAY MAR 24

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

WEDNESDAY MAR 25

9:00 am Prayer Warriors (*Hearthside Room*)

10:00 am Coed Bible Study (*Multipurpose Room*)

3:00 pm Kidzone (*Westminster Hall*)

5:45 pm Confirmation (*Hearthside*)

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

6:30 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*)

THURSDAY MAR 26

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Main Street Cafe*)

SUNDAY MAR 29

9:00 am Faith Cafe (*Multipurpose Room*)

10:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary*) *Palm Sunday*

11:00 am Coffee Fellowship (*Westminster Hall*)

MONDAY MAR 30

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

TUESDAY MAR 31

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

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THURSDAY APRIL 2

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Main Street Cafe*)

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday (*Sanctuary*)

Prayer List - Please pray for: Goemann family, Klapwyk family, Hanson family, Carolyn Westrum, Carma Pederson, Nick Johanssen, Siglinda Kleih, Carol Jolly's grandson Ashton and Bill Sievers. **If you have a prayer concern**, fill out a prayer card from your pew-back and put it in the offertory box outside the office.

Kidzone & Highlife - Starts back up this week Wednesday, 3/25 after being on break! Just about seven weeks left before we wrap up this season's Wednesday night youth events! **Last day of Kidzone & Highlife is 5/13.**

Easter Flowers - Last call! Anyone interested in purchasing a flower in honor or memory of a loved one, order forms are out on the sanctuary entrance tables! There are 3 flower options to choose from! Please have your forms and payment into the church office by **Monday, March 23rd.**

Giving Update - February 2026

Year to date giving: \$101,528

Year to date budgeted expenses: \$83,089

Year to date expenses: \$55,597

Year to date balance: \$46,604

Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity!

Devoted Hearts Conference - Ladies, mark your calendars for the annual women's conference in Rochester, MN. **April 24-25** with this year's theme "Be Still and Know". This event is supported by our PWSC. To register, you may go online devotedheartsrochester.com See flyers for more details!

All Church Birthday - Save the date for Sunday **April 12th**, for the All Church Birthday Party! We celebrate every birthday month during our coffee fellowship hour that day! If you are interested in decorating a table or providing a dessert, please contact Nancy Goodwin.

Senior Sunday - Save the date for Sunday, **May 17th** as we celebrate our seniors! This is a chance to bless our seniors as they take their next steps in life!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- belated: Lisa Sturtz (3/15), Shannon Poplow (3/16), Calvin Hendrickson (3/18), Barb Osmundson & Jade Riskedahl (3/20) and James Cope (3/21)! Lucas Harves (3/24), Dillon Hanson & Amelia Goemann (3/26), Deb Polley & Alexis Jones (3/27) and Joey Maiden (3/28)!

