

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Lent

March 15, 2026

Welcome and Prayer of Adoration

* Opening Hymn # 375 *Jesus Calls Us (1-4)*

Minute for Mission - Days for Girls

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God,
you call us to walk by your Spirit,
yet we often follow the desires of the flesh.

We choose pride instead of humility,
anger instead of patience,
selfishness instead of love.

Forgive us.
Renew us by your Spirit,
and grow within us the fruit that reflects your grace.
Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader:

Hear the good news.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus
have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
If we live by the Spirit,
we are called to walk by the Spirit.

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 Musical Offertory

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

* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Readings Galatians 5:16-26

Next week's Scripture passage: Galatians 6:1-18

Sermon

The Fight Inside You
Pastor Nancy Overgaard

Pastoral Prayer

Installation of Elders and Reverend Nancy Overgaard

Elders and deacons who are currently serving or who have served in the past are welcome to come forward to lay hands on the shoulders of these new officers as we pray for them.

* Hymn #249 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (1-4)*

* Benediction and Response

Go Now In Peace

** Please stand if you are able.*

Today's Scripture Passage: Galatians 5:16-26

Next Week's Scripture Passage: Galatians 6:1-18

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

MONDAY MAR 16

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

TUESDAY MAR 17

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

6:30 pm Session (*Multipurpose Room*)

WEDNESDAY MAR 18

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

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

No Kidzone or Highlife - Spring Break!

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

THURSDAY MAR 19

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

9:00 am Days for Girls (*Multipurpose Room*)

FRIDAY - SUNDAY MAR 20-22

Mystery Trip!

11:30 am departure (*church front entry*)

SUNDAY MAR 22

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

10:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary*)

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

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*)

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*)

Prayer List - Please pray for: Carolyn Westrum, Ray Klapwyk, 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 - This week Wednesday, 3/18 there will be **no Kidzone or Highlife (also no Confirmation)** as it is Albert Lea spring break. Enjoy the week off!

Day for Girls - One of the missions our church supports is Days for Girls, and today during the service we will receive a special message all about it! To learn more, you may go to daysforgirls.org or feel free to chat with one of the group members here! The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 9am in the Multipurpose Room.

Easter Flowers - This year, we are offering a few more flower options! 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**.

Mystery Trip - March 20-22 Calling all youth, grades 6th-12th, registration forms and packing lists are out! Cost is \$75 per child. Please have your kiddo to the church by 11:30 am on Friday 3/20! See Steve Piper with any questions.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- Lisa Sturtz (3/15), Shannon Poplow (3/16), Calvin Hendrickson (3/18), Barb Osmundson & Jade Riskedahl (3/20) and James Cope (3/21)!

