

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Lent

March 29, 2026

Welcome and Prayer of Adoration

***ProceSSIONAL Hymn #174** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (v1-3)*
(children enter waving palm branches and will exit down the side aisle to 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.

*** Worship** *Hosanna (screens)*

Prayer of Confession - Read Responsively

Leader: Lord Jesus, we cry, "Hosanna!"

People: Yet we resist You as King.

Leader: We want Your salvation,

People: But not always Your rule.

Leader: We praise You with our lips,

People: But our hearts are far from You.

Leader: We long for glory,

People: But avoid the cross.

All:

Have mercy on us, humble King.
Cleanse our hearts, forgive our sin,
and teach us to follow You faithfully. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader:

Hear the good news:

The King who came in humility
went to the cross for sinners
and rose in victory.

All who turn to Him are forgiven,
made new, and welcomed into His kingdom.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

* 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

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

* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Psalms #712 (Green Hymnal) Psalm 118
Read in Unison

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: *The Coming King of Zion*

Zechariah 9:9-10

Gospel: *Triumphal Entry*

John 12:12-19

New Testament: *A Great Multitude from Every Nation*

Revelation 7:9-12

***Hymn #173**

All Glory, Laud and Honor (v1-3)

Sermon

Just As It Should Be

Pastor Nancy Overgaard

Installation of Rev. Nancy Overgaard and Robyn Hendrickson

*** Benediction and Response**

Go Now In Peace

** Please stand if you are able.*

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

MONDAY MAR 30

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

TUESDAY MAR 31

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

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 APRIL 2

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

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday (*Sanctuary*)

SUNDAY APRIL 5 - Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service (*Fountain Lake Gazebo*)

10:00 am Easter Worship (*Sanctuary*)

No Coffee Fellowship or Faith Cafe

MONDAY APRIL 6

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

Church offices & building will be closing at 11:30am

TUESDAY APRIL 7

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

6:30 Session Meeting (*Multipurpose Room*)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

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 APRIL 9

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

Prayer List - Please pray for: Goemann family, Klapwyk family, Hanson family, Carolyn Westrum, 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.

Communion - Information Revision: In this week's news email there was a miscommunication when asking for help with communion. We don't need communion servers, rather, we need volunteers to help *prepare* communion. Anyone interested in helping with communion prep, please contact Neal Pederson, or the church office.

Easter Flowers - Flowers will be coming next week, ready to adorn our sanctuary for Easter! Reminder to please bring your flowers home with you after the service on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate your flowers to a local assisted living, nursing home or a homebound covenant partner, please contact Nancy Overgaard or the church office.

Food Pantry - The needed food pantry items for the upcoming month of April are white sugar, flour and vegetable oil. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Ecumenical Food Pantry!

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 - Ben Harves (3/30), Darlene Casterton & Annabelle Lundell (3/31), Abe Gardner (4/2) and Sandy Maiden & Erin Hanson (4/3)!

