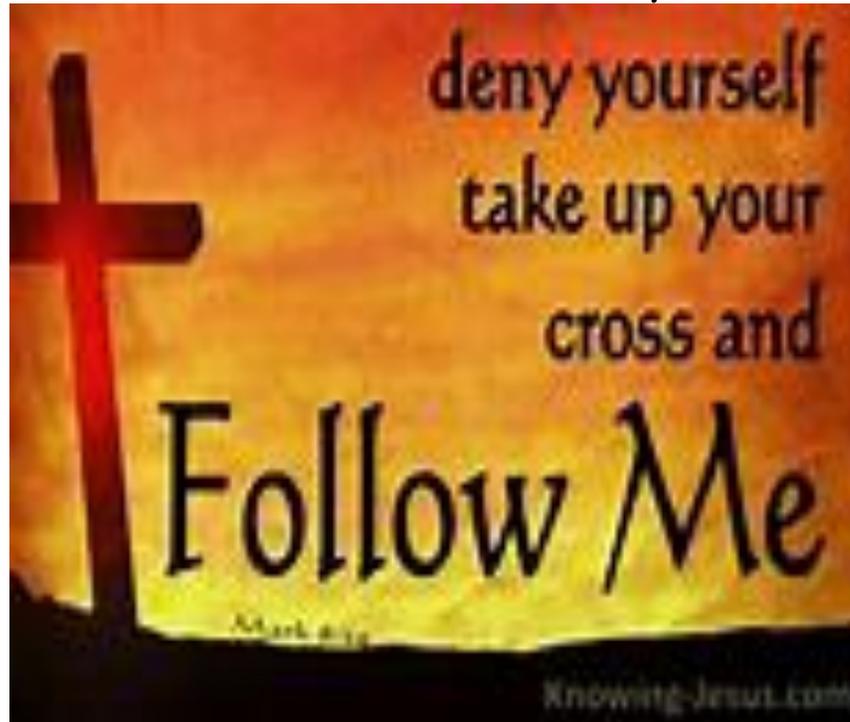


First Presbyterian Church  
19 Seminary Street, Barre, Vermont

*Welcomes You to Worship*



*Mark 8:34*

March 1, 2026

Sunday Worship and Communion Service  
Year A, Second Sunday in Lent

*Welcome! Join us as we experience our spiritual journey through Christian community and by living God's love in word and deed.*

## GATHERING

*Today's hymns are from the purple "Glory to God" hymnal. This service is being recorded for viewing on Facebook and on our website. Please guard your privacy as best you see fit.*

### Gathering on Abenaki Lands and Welcome

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship (Psalm 121:1-2)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

Congregation: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

#### ★ Opening Hymn No. 213 "In the Cross of Christ, I Glory" Verses 1 - 4

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

## PRAYING for RECONCILIATION and FORGIVENESS

### Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well this Lent desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace.

*(Silent confession of individual sins)*

Leader: Amen

### Assurance of Pardon

*(John 3:17)*

Leader: "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace.

Congregation: Amen.

★**Passing of the Peace** - Now is the time we pass the peace saying "Peace be with you," responding with "And also with you." When we pass the peace of Christ, we affirm that the nature of our faith is founded in the love, grace, and peace Christ continually extends to us.

**Minute for Mission - Justice for All**

## **LISTENING**

**Scripture Lessons**            1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Mark 8:31-38

**Leader:**    The Word of God for the People of God.

**Congregation:**    Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

"Take this Cross"

Rev. Dwight

## **RESPONDING**

★**Hymn No. 223**            "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life my all.

## Reflection Music

### Communion

Invitation to God's Table

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

**Call for the Offering** (*You may place your offering in the box just behind the last pew of the sanctuary or give online at [fpcbarre.org](http://fpcbarre.org). Click the green "Donate" button on the front page. You may also mail in your offering. Thank you for your generosity!*)

Leader: God gives generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return.

**Prayer of Dedication:** (in unison)

**God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing, and the destitute. Amen.**

## Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

**Prayers of the People** (*Finishing with the Lord's Prayer, page 35. We invite you to use the words which are closest to your heart.*)

**Our Father/Mother, 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**

### **Children's Sermon**

### **SENDING**

★ **Closing Hymn No. 228** "Were You There"

- 1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**
- 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**
- 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced**

him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid in in the tomb?

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

★Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

Thanks to Dottie Ricks who is leading us in worship.

**Prayers** - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week please keep Harold (Skip) and Karmen Thygesen in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for them. Hold them in the palm of your hand let them feel your love. Give them the wisdom and strength to do your will and the faith and courage to face what challenges may arise.

As part of being the connectional Presbyterian Church, we keep in our prayers other ministries usually within the PNNE. This week our prayers are for the Leeds Community Church, Leeds, ME. and Rev. Devin Dickinson.

**Our Music Maker** - In Dan's absence we are blessed to have Allison Cerutti as our music maker for the coming year. She graciously agreed to provide music for us weekly with the exception of when she may be traveling. God provides. We look forward to worshiping with her and to enjoying the talents she and her family bring to service at First Presbyterian Church of Barre.

**Adult Worship Study** - In our adult bible study, we view lent through ten ordinary objects - things like coins, shoes, and crosses - and ask participants to consider, through these objects, the possibility that God is present through them. Ash Wednesday focused on "Dust" and how the light of Christ cannot be thwarted no matter how deep the darkness. On the first Sunday in Lent, ten folks explored "Bread" and the act of feeding others. We remembered meals that we had shared and loved as we partook of a meal together. This Sunday we look at the "Cross" and discuss how we can follow Jesus by taking up the cross and what that means. You are invited to join us on this path. A light meal will be served.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** - "One Great Hour of Sharing" continues through Easter. See envelope in bulletin to make a donation.

**Security Subcommittee** - This subcommittee works to make our church safe and secure for all yet keep it welcoming. As we open our church to others, we want to have policies and measures in place to protect and welcome everyone. To join this committee, contact Rev. McCormick after church on Sunday, at [fpcbarrepastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbarrepastor@gmail.com) or at 802-261-5074.

**Session Committees** - There are eight session committees. Please consider joining one. Contact Rev. McCormick above if you are interested.

## *Invitation to Installation*

*“What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

*The members of the First Presbyterian Church Of Barre, Vermont invite you to share with us in the joy of welcoming Rev. Dwight McCormick to our church as our Minister of Word and Sacrament.*

*Please join us as we celebrate his Service of Installation on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary, 19 Seminary Street, Barre, Vermont. A reception will follow immediately after the service in our newly restored vestry area.*

*We are excited about our future ministry under the leadership of our new pastor. We look forward to your attending and helping us welcome him to our church and to our community.*



### **MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

**Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, after Church**

**Deacons, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:30 p.m.**

**Outreach, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Book Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Meditation Group, Thursdays, 10 a.m.**

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

March 4 - James Milne  
March 5 - David O' Bryan  
March 6 - John Quinlan

## UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES:

NONE

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