

**First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street, Barre, Vermont**

Welcomes You to Worship



**March 8, 2026
Sunday Worship
Year A, Third 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 95:1-7a)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Congregation: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

Congregation: The sea is the Lord's, for God make it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

Leader: O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

★Opening Hymn No. 305 "Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"

- 1. Come sing, O church in joy! Come join, O church in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In Bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**
- 2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

3. Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
4. Come sing, O church in joy! Come join, O church in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

PRAYING for RECONCILIATION and FORGIVENESS

Remembering our Baptism

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession *(Based on Micah 6:1-8)*

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Lord, hear our prayer.

(Time for silent personal confession.)

Leader: We pray all these things in Jesus's name, and for his sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Romans 8:34)

Leader: Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised, who is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us. Believe the promise of the gospel:

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

★**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 - Housing Insecurity

LISTENING

Scripture Lessons

Luke 21:1 - 4; John 2:13-22

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Loose Change"

Rev. Dwight

Reflection Music

RESPONDING

★**Hymn No. 366**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Love divine, all loves excelling. Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. **Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave Thee we would be always blessing;, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**
4. **Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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. Click the green "Donate" button on the front page. You may also mail in your offering. Thank you for your generosity!*)

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. 313

"Lord Make Us More Holy"

1. Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again: holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.
2. Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again: loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.
3. Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again: patient, patient, patient, until we meet again
4. Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again: faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

Benediction

Postlude

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

Thanks to Lee Aura Bonamico for being our worship leader.

Prayers - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week please Randy Tucker in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for him. Hold him in the palm of your hand let him feel your love. Give him 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 Eliot Presbyterian Church, Lowell, MA and Rev. Al Padilla, Interim Pastor.

NO Adult Study "Lent in Plain Sight" on March 8 or March 15 - The adult study series "Lent in Plain Sight" will NOT meet March 8 due to Session meeting nor will it meet March 15 due to a Faith Development meeting following worship. The study will resume March 22. We look forward to seeing you then. If you need a study book they are on the table outside the main office. There are two copies left. Attendance at previous Adult Study sessions is not required.

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

IT'S A GIRL!

**The rose on the organ is to celebrate
the birth of Pam and Roland Cyr's
great-granddaughter
Elizabeth Mae Leighty, born to Jacob
and Sage.
Congratulations!**

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, 2nd Sunday, after Church

Deacons, 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Outreach, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Book Group, 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Meditation Group, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

March 11 - Mary Ann Bowen

March 13 - Mike Hickory

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

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