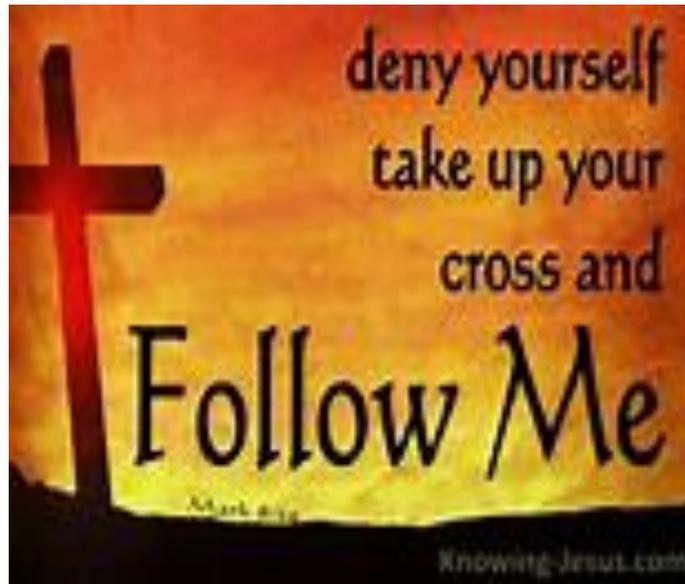


**First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street
Barre, Vermont**

Welcomes You to Worship



Mark 8:34

March 1, 2026

**Sunday Worship
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" (v 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 (from 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.

LISTENING

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Mark 8:31-38 Rev.
Dwight

Sermon "Take this Cross" Rev.
Dwight

Reflection Music

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.

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

Children's Sermon

Communion

Invitation to God's Table

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

★ 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 him in the tomb?**

SENDING

Benediction

Postlude

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

Thanks to Alison Cerutti for being our music maker.

Thanks to Dottye 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.

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 4th - James Milne

March 5th - David O'Bryan

March 6th - John Quinlan

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES:

NONE

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