

ORDER OF SERVICE

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8th, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Joys and Concerns

Prelude "Zurich Sea"
By Dr. Adrian Carr, from the album *Release*.

Silent Reflection Time

Choral Introit "I Will Call Upon The Lord"
Words by & music by Michael O'Shields.

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.
In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #451

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves
to things that will never last. We worship things that will never
bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift
of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so
that we may never thirst again. **Amen. (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri #581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Romans 5:1-11 pg. 155

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem "Blessed Quietness"
Words & Music by M. P. Ferguson

Second Reading John 4:5-42 pg. 95-94

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "A Confusing Encounter" Rev. Tim Luoma

Silent Reflection Time

Installation of Jim Snook as Deacon

*Hymn "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" #494

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

Offertory "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"
Words & Music by Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus

***Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication**

O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Amen”

Théodore Dubois

***Hymn**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

#65

***Benediction**

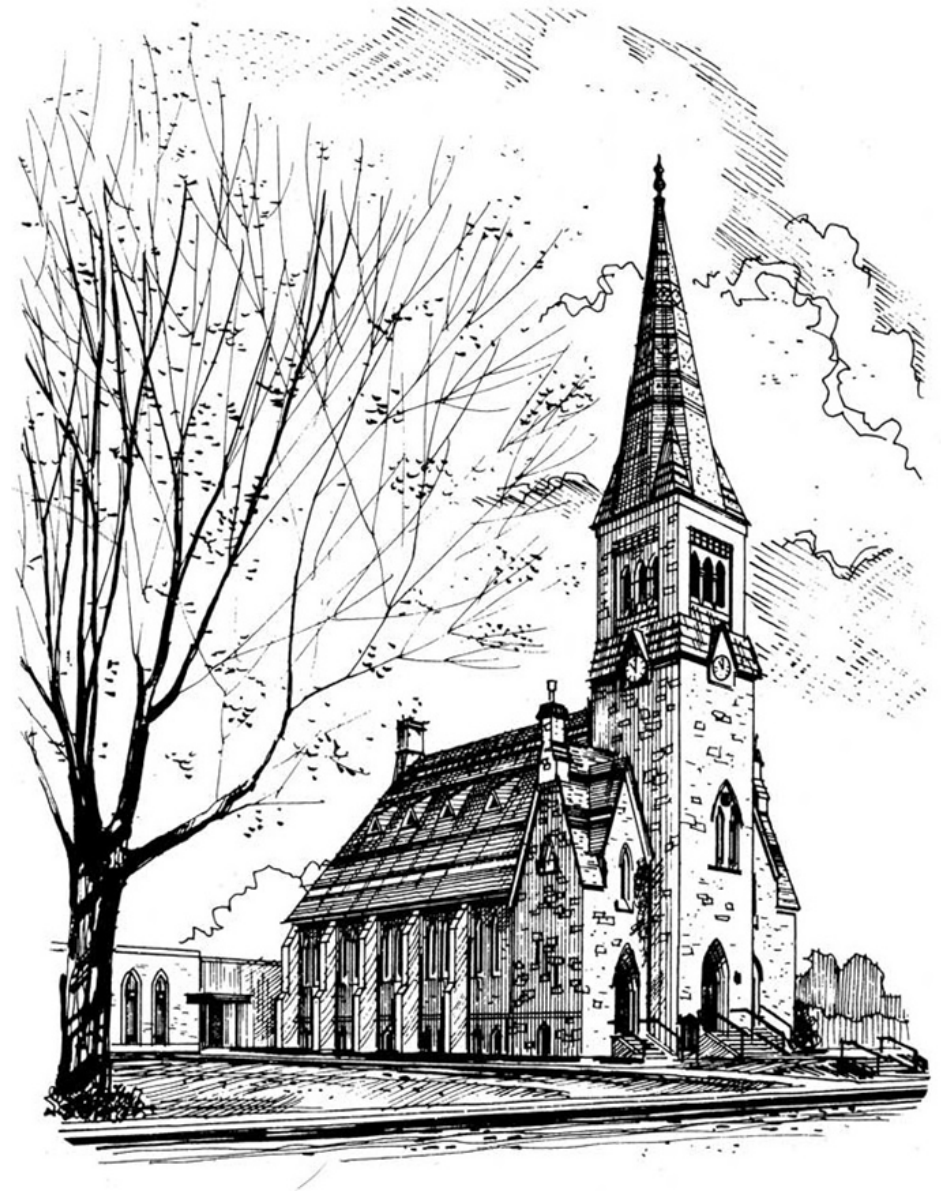
Benediction Response

“Open Our Eyes”

Words by & Music by Bob Cull

Postlude

All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.



The First Presbyterian Church

Founded 1797

34 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh, New York (518) 561-3140

office@presbyplatt.org

Happy Birthday!

Nancy Olsen	3/14	Lucas Curilla	3/15
Anne Bailey	3/16	Brent Germain	3/17
Ethan DiCicco	3/19	Alexander DiCicco	3/19
Gabriel Snook	3/23	Caleb Moore	3/23
Landen Smith	3/25	Tim Luoma	3/28
Barbara Thompson	3/28	Bev Demers	3/30

7-week Class in Nonviolent Communication

Nonviolent Communication (NVC) is a language-based and heart-based practice created by Marshall Rosenberg, PhD. We will be offering a 7-week class (meeting every other Thursday, evening from 6:00 to 7:30 PM beginning March 26) to review chapters of his book, "Nonviolent Communication: A Language of life. In this class you can improve your ability to: (1) identify your feelings and needs, (2) express your feelings and needs in a way that is authentic and kind at the same time, (3) identify and understand the feelings and needs of others, and (4) use these skills to make our community an even better place to live!

There will be a complementary orientation on Thursday, March 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM to learn more about the program and see if this class is a good fit for you. The cost will be \$70 for the 7 sessions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sharon M. Theroux, PhD, is a licensed psychologist working in private practice since 1995. She specializes in the treatment of depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addictions, and problematic eating behaviors. She is co-founder of South Florida Psychology and has received 5 years of training in Nonviolent Communication (NVC) through the Center for Nonviolent Communication (CNVC). She has been teaching these practices online and internationally for the past 15 years.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Adrian Carr

CLERK OF SESSION: Judy Bunnell

CO-MODERATORS OF DEACONS: Karen Merrill & Connie Harrica

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Sadie Prinsen

SEXTON: Sally Ann Blow

First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh

*Worship Christ
Teach Faith
Practice Love*

Visit us at:

www.firstchurchplattsburgh.org/

Follow us on Facebook:

First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh NY

The toddler room and crib room are available for parent use with your very young children. Please ask an usher for directions.

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of March 8th, 2026

Warner & Jane Houth

Earl Johnson

Judy Judge

Catherine, Brandon, Cullen, & Declan Keleher

PRAYER CONCERNS

Matt Burgin and family

Jack Myers

Barbara Thompson

John & Joy Mazur

Tish Landis

Russ

Dianne Root

The Family of Richard Harrica

Diana

This Sunday we thank:

WORSHIP LEADER: Karen Merrill

USHERS: Linda Voss & Carol Czaja

FELLOWSHIP: Celeste d, Tish L, & Dana J

ZOOM COORDINATOR: Jennie Booth

Worship Leaders

Mar 15- Jim Snook
Mar 22- Sally Meisenheimer

Fellowship Time

Mar 15- The Duley Family
Mar 22- Children's Service

Ushers

Mar 15- Sally & Rob Meisenheimer
Mar 22-

Zoom Coordinators

Mar 15-Gabe Snook
Mar 22- Jim Snook

Fellowship Time

Hosts for ***Fellowship Time*** are needed, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by e-mail at office@presbyplatt.org

Evening of Healing

The Tenth Annual Evening of Healing: Stories of Strength, a unique community program, will be offered free to the public on Monday, March 23rd, 2025, at the Newman Center, 90 Broad Street, Plattsburgh from 6:00-7:30 pm.

Through a variety of different situations, everyone experiences pain and suffers unexpected loss at some time in their lives. The goal of An Evening of Healing is to open communication for attendees to learn where and how to find strength, connect with people so healing can begin, and leave with a sense of hope and purpose. Members from previous panels will be in attendance as well as our new panel who will share their stories of strength.

Planting Seeds of Faith

During the time of our regular worship service on the 4th Sunday of each month, we will be holding monthly Family Faith Experiences designed for families to engage, learn and worship in a relaxed, kid friendly environment. Our first Seeds of Faith event will be on March 22nd.

Expect to find hope, love, peace and understanding as well as lessons that speak to all ages, music and singing, connection with other families, and hands on activities for children to 'plant' their own seeds of faith.

Staying Safe During Peaceful Protests

The Interfaith Council, as part of their Community Education Series will be hosting an educational event about Staying Safe During Peaceful Protests on March 22nd, from 1-2pm at Plattsburgh United Methodist Church. *(Please use the North Entrance off Beekman Street.)*

Sunday, Mar 8:	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Adult Church School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	ACoA Meeting
Tuesday, Mar 10:	10:30 am	Bible Study
	Noon	AA Meeting
	5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
	6:30 pm	Lenten Book Study
Wednesday, Mar 11:	5:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Table Tennis
Thursday, Mar 12:	9:15 am	Quilting Group
	Noon	AA Meeting
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	NVC Orientation
Sunday, Mar 15:	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Adult Church School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	ACoA Meeting

Looking Ahead:

- Session will meet on March 16th, 2026.
- Palm Sunday is March 29th, 2026.
- Easter Sunday is April 5th, 2026.