

GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Glorify God
Plant seeds of Faith
Cultivate Disciples

ALL ARE
WELCOME!



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March 22, 2026
5th Sunday in Lent

VIDEO

Thirst

WELCOMING OF VISITORS AND Pastor Christian Johnson
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. Livingston, Jr.
Susan Martinez

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist–Frank Walmsley

One: In our hearts' quiet depths, we long for a fresh breath of life,
drawing us closer to Jesus.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, awaken our minds to your peace.

One: Though the world pulls us toward fleeting desires, you invite
us into a deeper life shaped by Christ's mercy.

Many: Renew our thoughts, O God, and guide us in true freedom.

One: As we gather, let us surrender our burdens and embrace the
Spirit who brings hope and resurrection.

Many: We open our hearts to you, Jesus, our source of life.

**All: Together, we worship the One who transforms us, leading
from shadows into your embrace. Amen.**

***THE MORNING PRAYER** Liturgist–Frank Walmsley

Gracious God, we adore you for your Spirit, who breathes new
life into our weary souls and reshapes our minds with Christ's
mercy. In a world of distractions, you call us to deeper peace,
aligning our thoughts with your loving will. We praise you for
dwelling among us, turning struggles into grace and death into
resurrection. Thank you for Jesus, who humbly lifts us to live in
your light. Fill us with wonder as we rest in your compassion. In
Christ's name, Amen.

***HYMN** *O God Who Gives Us Life* Hymn 53

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Merciful God, we confess that we have set our minds on things of the flesh rather than your Spirit. We chase selfish ambitions, let fear control our choices, and resist the cruciform life you model in Jesus. Forgive us for minds cluttered with worry, hearts hardened by pride, and actions that lead away from your peace. Renew us by your grace, reshape our thoughts to reflect Christ's humility, and draw us back into the light of your love. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE**

Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

VIDEO

Come To Me Fifth Sunday In Lent

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Christian

All children are welcome in the front
Parents - livestream in progress (kids in front will be viewed online)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Frank Walmsley, Liturgist

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 NRSVUE

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come to the Water

**Foley/Schrader
Chancel Choir**

SERMON

A New Mindset

Pastor Christian Johnson

Scripture: Romans 8:6-11 NRSVUE

Thanks be to God!

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER Gil Fidler

Congregation: We will, with God's help.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Montlure Director Kellie von Borstel

CALL TO OFFERING Pastor Christian Johnson

OFFERTORY *Jesus Paid It All* arr. Snow

*You are invited to use this offertory as a time to reflect
on your offering to God.*

***DOXOLOGY Hymn 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION /PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER
Pastor Christian Johnson**

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.

***HYMN *Spirit of the Living God (2x)* Hymn 288**

***BENEDICTION Pastor Christian Johnson**

**POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful* arr. Purifoy
Susan Martinez**

***If you are able, please rise in body or spirit.**

Attendance last Sunday: 62

Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams, Susan Martinez, Bruce Jackson, Gaill Blackburn, Damian Martin, Roy Martin, Amy Johnston, Britney Blackburn, Alex Martin.

Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: Frank Walmsley

Music Director: Damian Martin

Hymn Leaders: Chancel Choir

Pianist/Organist: Susan Martinez

Time with Children: Pastor Christian Johnson

Ushers: Thomas Lemme, Mary Sumner, Cheryl Williams

Announcements

SEDER DINNER CELEBRATION AND TENEBRAE SERVICE

Join our friends from FPC Mesa for a Seder Dinner Celebration and Tenebrae Service on Thursday, April 2 @ 5:30 at FPC Mesa in Fellowship Hall. Following the Seder Dinner we will have a Tenebrae Service. If you are planning to attend the dinner please sign up on the sign up sheet located on the computer table in the Narthex. **You are also welcome to attend without signing up.** There is no charge for the dinner, however if you'd like to bring a crockpot meal or dessert to share please indicate on the sign up sheet. FPC would like to get a general idea of how many people will be attending from GPC.

THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who worked on the EVMC sack lunch preparation, from purchasing food and supplies, setup on Saturday, preparing sandwiches, filling the lunch bags, and delivering them to the center on Sunday, and more. Your contribution was important and appreciated! Judy Walmsley, the Mission Committee

LENTEN SERVICES Our last Lenten service will be this Wednesday, March 25 @ 2:00pm at FPC Mesa.

SYNOD INTERIM EXECUTIVE / STATED CLERK (FT)

The Synod of the Southwest is searching for an interim executive. Candidates must be an ordained ruling elder or teaching elder within the PCUSA. Successful candidates will have experience or knowledge in organizational vision and development, conflict mediation, communication, and/or finance. Email resumes to bradmunroe1963@gmail.com.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday March 29 @ 9:00 am

Kids procession of the palms

Maundy Thursday

April 2 @ 5:30 pm

FPC Mesa

Seder Meal &

Tenebrae Service

Easter Service

April 5 @ 9:00am

Easter Egg Hunt

following our service



GPC General Information

FIRST TIME GUESTS - Welcome to our first-time visitors. A packet of information about our church is available in the entryway or from an usher. We're glad you're here!

OFFERINGS/DONATIONS – You may donate to Gilbert Presbyterian by going to <https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html>. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER – Please silence all phones/electronic devices. Thank you.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? - If you're thinking about joining Gilbert Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), or would like a refresher course on what being a Presbyterian Christian means, please call the church office at 480-892-6753 to let us know of your interest.

NURSERY CARE - Nursery care is available in the Palmer Center for Nursery/Toddler care thru 5 years old with our Nursery Attendant Britney Blackburn.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - We invite everyone to join us following our worship service this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Palmer Center.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our bible study, meets every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the overflow. All are welcome!

GPC CHOIR

Our choir rehearses every Thursday at 7:00pm! All are welcome to join!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study SS Class meets at 10:30 am in Room 7. Come join us. We enjoy each other and learning new things.

VIDEO SUNDAY SCHOOL –

We will continue watching a 6-part series called "He Chose the Nails" narrated by Max Lucado. Please join us for faith, fellowship, and fun. We meet each Sunday at 10:30am in Room 6 of the Palmer Center. All are welcome.

This Week at GPC

Sunday, March 22, 2026

9:00 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

10:00 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

10:30 am – Adult Sunday School

1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am - Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, March 25

11:00 am – Bible Study @ GPC

2:00 pm – Lenten Services @ FPC Mesa

Thursday, March 26

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 28

10:00am – PW meets in Palmer Center

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

9:00 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

10:00 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

10:30 am – Video Sunday School

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Happy March Birthday to:

March 23 – Flo Davis

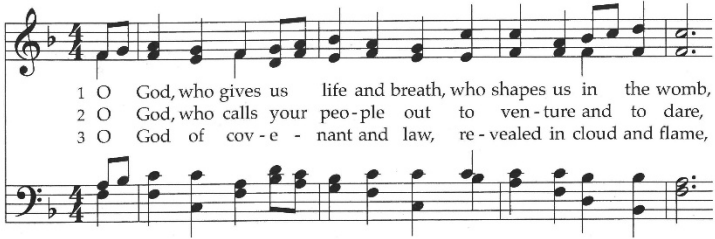
March 25 – Lyn Goodbar

March 27 – Ann Bernal

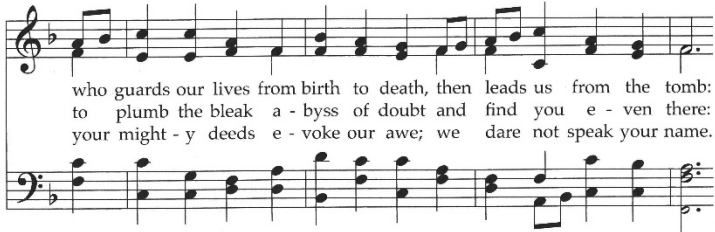
HYMN INSERTS

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life



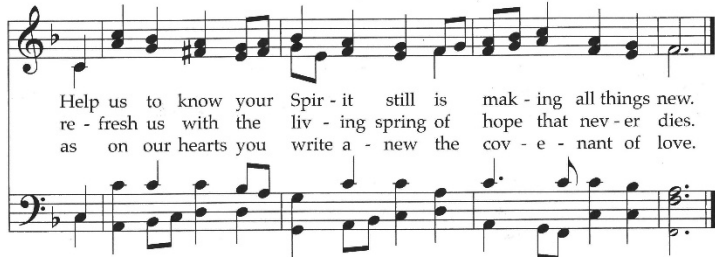
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

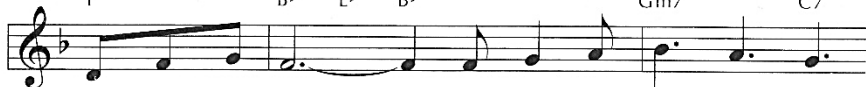
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDRETH
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Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tóname, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

Scripture Readings – March 22, 2026

Frank Walmsley - Ezekiel 37:1-14 NRSVUE

37 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall

know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

This is the word of God!

Thanks be to God!

Primary Passage: Romans 8:6-11 NRSVUE

Pastor Christian

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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