

March Hope Chest

The Mission and Outreach Committee has designated the March HOPE chest donations for the **Center for Lay Ministries food pantry**. As a congregation, we will be collecting all HOPE donations so that we can take advantage of the Jeffersonville Meijer Winter Simply Give campaign. Sandy Riggle will be collecting donations for **March 1 and 15**, when our **gifts as a congregation will be doubled**. A First Prez \$10 gift will be double matched by Meijer to \$20 which means \$30 to feed local families in need. There are HOPE envelopes in the pews or you can send donations to the church. All food pantry donations, both monetary and canned goods, need to be received by the end of the month.

The pantry needs canned vegetables and beans, tomato sauce, spaghetti, tuna, and peanut butter. Hygiene items, soap and TP are also welcomed. Medium-sized boxes and plastic bags are also needed. Egg cartons can no longer be accepted.

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First Presbyterian Church

Jeffersonville, Indiana

We are disciples of Jesus Christ who love and serve others.

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Psalm 95:6

Come, let's worship and bow down!

Let's kneel before the Lord, our maker!

Prelude

Andante

Camille Saint-Saens

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

inspired by Psalm 42

Just like a deer that craves streams of water,
my whole being thirsts for the living God.

Savior, quench our thirst with the living water of your presence
as we sing praise and worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

*Music

For All the Faithful Women

Hymn #324 (verses 1, 3, 4, 5)

**O woman at the well, you question the Messiah;
you find your friends and tell: to drink their heart's desire!
"I Am" the one you seek, and all the people heard.
We give thanks for the water, and for the Living Word.**

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***Call to Confession**

(A moment for silent, personal confession)

This Week's Calendar

***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.

***Kyrie**

Lord, Have Mercy

Hymn #551

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***Assurance of Reconciliation**

This is the good news of God's grace:

Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Though we were enemies of God, God loved us.

Once we were lost and dead –

now Christ has become our life and salvation.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Response to God's Grace**

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

Hymn #71 (refrain, verse 1, refrain)

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Sunday, March 8

3rd Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, March 9

3:00 pm Spiritual Seekers

6:00 pm Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, March 10

6:00 pm Congregational Care Committee

Wednesday, March 11

4:30 pm Mission and Outreach Committee

5:30 pm Bell Choir

6:15 pm Choir

Thursday, March 12

Friday, March 13

12:00 pm SI-AGO Organ Recital at St. John Presbyterian in New Albany

Saturday, March 14

Sunday, March 15

4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Equal Exchange

Attendance Last Sunday - 46

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School

Please join Nancy Waters on **March 15, and 22** for Adult Sunday School focusing on topics of the Lenten Season. This discussion group will focus on strengthening our faith through the journey of Jesus Christ, crucified and resurrected. March 15 focuses on "Grief Leading to Hope" and March 22 on "Our Lives and Mortality."

Presbyfriends

Presbyfriends will meet on **Wednesday, March 25** for a noon lunch and Game Day at the church. We will order food from McAllister's. Please RSVP for the lunch. Join us for a meal and reunion of friends. Bring your favorite games! Hope to see you there.

Celebrate the Gifts of Women - International Women's Day

This annual celebration is today with the theme, "Creating Home and Places of Possibilities: Women of Determination and Faith." The Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace writes about Ruth and Naomi making a way, when there seemed to be no way forward and highlights the kind of courage and determination women have when seeking to rebuild their homes and lives as strangers in a strange land. We pray for women around the world who are rebuilding their homes and lives.

AGO Lenten Series

The Southern Indiana Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Lenten Concert Series continues through March. The remaining schedule is as follows:

March 13, St. John Presbyterian, New Albany

March 20, Trinity United Methodist, New Albany

March 27, St. Paul's Episcopal, New Albany

Easter Flowers

Order forms are in the bulletins today and are available in the office and in the Presbygram.

Place your order and payment by Wednesday, March 18.



*Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

Anthem

First Presbyterian Church Choir

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach, edited by John Holler

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 4:5-42

Common English Bible

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Give Me Living Water

Rev. Karen McDonald Smith

The ushers will collect Prayer Requests (yellow slips in the pews) during this hymn.

*Music

Give Me Jesus

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

**When I am alone, when I am alone,
Oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.**

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

