



Clothing Body
and Soul

The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX
SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
MARCH 8, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*This * means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

A. J. Gorden/O. H. Hegarty

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION:

"I Lay My Sins On Jesus"

Greek Melody/H. Helvey

Please stand

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

People: 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.

People: The sea is the Lord's, for God made 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!

People: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand

***OPENING HYMN #475** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean into what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake. Amen.

Please Stand

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Who is to condemn?

People: It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised, who is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us.

Pastor: Believe the promise of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

***PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats)** *"Blest Are They"*

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Old Testament)

Exodus 17:1-7

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"
Arr. by John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

John 4:5-42

SERMON

“Wells, Cisterns, and Springs”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please rise

*DOXOLOGY

**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 AND DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From *the Confession of 1967*)

All: God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Eternal God, you have reached out to us so often, so persistently, we know of your love for us from so many sources, that we know as well that we may draw near to you with the needs of our hearts. And so we do, not as distant followers held at arms-length, but as beloved children, held close. So it is that we pray to you this morning with our concerns.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For world affairs beyond our control, we pray your mercy. For the people of Iran, Ukraine, Congo and Gaza, we pray for peace, knowing that you alone are the source of Shalom, the peaceable kingdom.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Where there are those in harm’s way, we pray protection. Where we harbor enmity and prejudice, we pray awareness and grace for ourselves that we may learn forgiveness. Teach us how we may serve you more fully in ways we cannot even imagine.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for needs closer to home, for our own community. Through this season of Lent, we ask that you would open our eyes to the needs that are on our very doorstep. May we see those and others whose names are known to you, and offer compassion and goodwill. We pray for victims of violence, and gun violence in particular. We pray for all who practice the healing arts, for their endurance and for their safety.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray as well for ourselves, our own material and spiritual needs. Where our members suffer from illness and affliction, grant your healing touch, bringing wholeness. For any in our midst who suffer from depression or addiction, give us understanding and compassion. For those who are lonely, may we be a place of friendship, a warm haven where love is shared. We

