

February 8, 2026



**First Presbyterian
Church**
of Pittsburgh

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:45 am

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude: “*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*” (Prayer of St. Francis)
Sebastian Temple; arr. Sally Drennan Mossing

Alaine Fink
Piano

Time of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Craig M. Walls
Senior Pastor

Gathering Before the Word

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Trey McFarland
Youth Liturgist

Leader: God calls us to lay aside the old ways.

People: We release what is broken, bitter, and worn.

Leader: God calls us to receive a new spirit.

People: We welcome God’s mercy, God’s truth, God’s peace.

Leader: The Master Builder is here to restore God’s people.

People: Our lives are God’s workmanship, our hearts His home.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who renovates our souls.

All: We come with open hands and open hearts.

***Hymn #12:** “*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*” (*located in this bulletin*)

Prayer of Confession

Lord God Creator of Heaven and Earth, when we forget that we are your beloved children, draw us ever closer to you. When we fail to hear your voice of love, whisper your words of reassurance. When we don’t reflect the divine image within us, forgive us. Wash over us with your mercy and grace, and bathe us in your abundant love, that we may remember who we are and whose we are. Forgive us when we refuse to build our lives on your foundation. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Walls

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Children's Message

Alaine Fink

Hymn #853: *"We are Marching in the Light of God"* (located in this bulletin, two-page hymn)

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:22-23

Trey McFarland

The Fruit of the Spirit

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

"This Old House: Spiritual Renovation 2026 –
The Joy of Landscaping and Trim"

Rev. Walls

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again, from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Call for the Offering (*Online giving available, scan code on back*)

Rev. Walls

Choral Anthem: “Alleluia”

By Ralph Manuel

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Walls

Welcoming New Members

Rev. Walls

Nolan P. Duncan
Michael Gartland
Sandra Gartland

Judith Gaydos
John Weis

***Hymn #726:** *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* (*located in this bulletin as an insert page*)

***Invitation, Charge, and Benediction**

Postlude: *Organ Improvisation on “The Summons”*

Alaine Fink



853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
 nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

Hymn 853 continued

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

Sunday School

The Cornerstone Class continues to explore the early Church through a study of the **Book of Acts**. The class meets from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** in **Room #17** (chapel area, next to the stage). If you'd like to join them for fellowship and learning, please contact **Charlie Claudon at 412-400-4868**. Children's Sunday School also continues in Room 4 downstairs. All children are invited.

Join Us Today for a Souper Bowl Fellowship Hour! - Immediately following worship

Everyone is invited to join us for our Annual Souper Bowl Fellowship Lunch hosted by the Deacons in the Chapel Lounge. Enjoy a warm bowl of soup or chili as we gather in fellowship.

Faithful Servant Award – Nominations Request

Please nominate a member of our congregation for the Quarterly Faithful Servant Award. We are truly blessed to have many individuals who quietly serve the Lord in our church family. **Ballots and a submission box can be found in the chapel during fellowship.** Nominations can also be sent via email to Megan McFarland at mmcfarland@fpcp.org.

Make a Joyful Noise

Anyone interested in joining the FPCP choir is invited to join us on Sunday mornings for rehearsal from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Worship through music can be a powerful and transformative experience. Whether you can only join us for certain Sundays or for a whole season, all are welcome.

If interested, **please contact Alaine Fink at afink@fpcp.org** for more details and a current schedule.

Per Capita Fee for 2026

Each year, PCUSA churches are assessed a per capita, i.e., per member, fee to support the three levels of church government above the session. For 2026, the assessment paid by First Church equals \$40.00 for each active First Church member.

If you'd like to help by paying this per capita fee, please indicate "per capita" in the memo field of your check or place your check in the designated envelope provided in your envelope box. Thank you for your generosity!

Can You Help with Our Lenten Services?

We will be having three services before Easter for which we will need volunteer help in the form of greeters, ushers and readers.

1) Ash Wednesday - February 18 - Noon

2) Maundy Thursday - April 2 - 7 pm This will be both a communion service and a Tenebrae.

3) Good Friday - April 3 - Noon

If you are able and willing to help at any of these services, please contact *Carly Black* at the church office at cblack@fpcp.org.

Thanks in advance for helping us make this Lenten season special for our church family and visitors.

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Call to Schedule a Tour!

You can reach the Church Office Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
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Scan Code to Give!

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Sundays only, get a sticker for your parking ticket at the FPCP Welcome Center in the Narthex (front lobby). Scan both sides of the ticket at the payment booth at the **Oliver**, **Mellon Square**, and **Smithfield** garages to pay \$1 for parking.

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