

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

First Presbyterian Church
Yuma, Colorado

We are glad you are here!!
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please ask for one in the sound booth.

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please rise in body or spirit.



First Sunday of Lent



March 9, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.
Communion

Gathering Music

Cindy Korf – Violin, Richard Birnie – Cello, Leslie Woody – Piano

Orphanage Trio

Greeting and Scripture

Welcoming the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship & Prayer

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord:

All: My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

One: For God will protect us from evil and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

All: God rescues those who love God and is present with us in trouble.

One: God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

All: Mighty God, you heard the cries of your people and rescued them from the hand of their oppressors. You cared for them in the wilderness. In the life of Christ, you experienced that wilderness yourself. As we journey through our own wilderness, we give thanks that your Spirit sustains us and your love guides us. Amen.

*“In Christ Alone”

Insert (vs. 1 & 2)

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Great God, as Lent unfolds before us, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold...

Words of Forgiveness and Peace

One: Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin — Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

One: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in peace and love. Please stand as you are able and share this good news with those around you by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.”

All: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

O Lord of light and salvation, let these words of Scripture live not only in our mouths, but in our hearts, that we will embody your truth and confess with our lives that Jesus is Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

God’s word for God’s people.

Thanks be to God!

***“The Power of Your Love”**

#467

Lord, I come to you; let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace that I’ve found in you.
And Lord, I’ve come to know the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away by the power of your love.

Refrain: Hold me close, let your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with you; your Spirit leads me on
in the power of your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes; let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day by the power of your love. *(Refrain)*

MESSAGE

“WE WANT IT NOW!”

PASTOR MIKE

LUKE 4:1-13

***“On Eagle’s Wings”**

#438 (vs. 1)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge,
my Rock in whom I trust."

Refrain (sing twice):

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*** Giving to God and Others** (*Offerings may be placed in the plates by each exit.*)

One: God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

All: May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ’s ministry and mission...

*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.*

Doxology #34

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

*The Congregation speaks the words in **bold**.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our Way, Our Truth, Our Life..... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

The communion elements will come to you in the pew. Please take one bread (GF) and one juice; eat the bread when you are ready but hold the cup until all are served.

We drink together as a sign of our unity in Christ.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Sharing the Light of Christ

*Charge & Blessing

*Sending Song

“Step by Step”

#494

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;
and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Ministry of Music

Postlude

Orphanage Trio

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* **Fellowship and Greeting:** Join us for conversation and delicious treats in Fellowship Hall.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Glory to God Alone!

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

Greeters: Kelsey, Kelby & Sadie Andrews

Worship Leader: Colette McCracken

Media Support: Bill & Colette McCracken

Candle Lighter: Carol Heltenberg

Communion Servers: Becky Hendrick,

Organist / Pianist: Leslie Woody, LuAnne Hoch

Lynne McMurphy, Marie Wenger

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