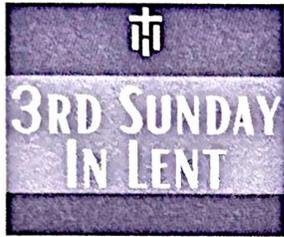




# A Little Something



**March 8, 2026**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

### Hymns & Songs

Sing Praise to God  
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts  
The Servant Song

### Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 4:5-19, 27-30 & 39-42

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3/20	Yvonne Spooner
3/20	Donnie Watkins
3/23	Cynthia Baley
3/30	Becky Duke



**Final Lenten Soup Supper**

**Wednesday Night**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 5:30 pm**

## March Food Cupboard Challenge Spaghetti



Warm Coats Are Always  
Needed.



### Holy Week at FirstPres

**Palm Sunday Service**  
March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30 pm

**Good Friday Service**  
Emmanuel Episcopal @ Noon

**Easter Morning**

April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
CB Boardwalk @ 6:30 am

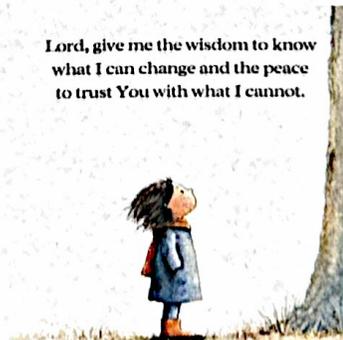
**Easter Breakfast @ 9:15 am**

**Easter Worship Service**  
@ 10:30 am

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
After Worship



Lord, give me the wisdom to know  
what I can change and the peace  
to trust You with what I cannot.



FAITHFUL GRACE

Third Sunday in Lent, March 8, 2026

## Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

*God can draw forth the sweetest water from the hardest rock. —Anon.*

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I admit it. There've been many times in my life and ministry when I felt as though the well had run dry. That's why I can sympathize with the Israelites in the wilderness who, as we find them in today's reading from Exodus, are tired, thirsty and wondering where God is hiding and why God is hiding. In this scene from Exodus, God's people have set up camp, only to discover — horrors — there's no water! Parched and weary, they grumble against Moses, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Perhaps you've felt that way, too, in moments of doubt, loneliness or pain. The wilderness can be a harsh place. It doesn't only describe geography; it can also describe seasons of life when we long for refreshment. As we grow older, we can find ourselves grappling with a dry spell — a time when energy wanes, friends pass on or questions linger about the future.

Yet this passage reminds us of an unchanging truth: *God meets us in the wilderness*. The same Lord who heard the cries of his people *then*, hears ours *today*.

What does God do? He tells Moses to strike the rock, and from that rock, water gushes forth — a miracle of mercy. The rock that appeared solid, dry and lifeless became the source of life-giving water. So it is with God. What may seem like a hard, unyielding moment can be the very place where grace and renewal spring forth.

This reminds us that in moments when our hearts feel like that parched wilderness, we can still trust the hand of the One who knows how to draw water from the rock. It may come as an unexpected phone call from a friend, a verse of Scripture that sparks fresh hope or a quiet sense of peace rising within. Whatever form it takes, it's a reminder that God's grace finds its way to us, even in the driest seasons.

As you walk this chapter of life, remember that you are not forgotten. The God who guided Israel through the wilderness goes with you now. The same God who brought forth water from a rock can quench your spiritual thirst, reminding you that you are cherished, watched over and deeply loved.

Trust that the spring of God's grace is never far away, and that, even in moments when the well runs dry, you can call upon the one who promises, "To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life" (Revelation 21:6). Let this comfort your heart and strengthen you for your journey.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Loving God, thank you for being with me in every wilderness. When I am feeling dry within, help me to trust that you can make streams of grace flow from unexpected places. Renew my strength, restore my hope, and quench the thirst of my heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Leviticus 20-23  
 Monday: Leviticus 24-27  
 Tuesday: Mark 1-3  
 Wednesday: Mark 4-6  
 Thursday: Mark 7-10  
 Friday: Mark 11-13  
 Saturday: Psalms 25-28



### VERSE TO REMEMBER

*“Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.”*

—Psalm 25:4

## PROBLEMS AT THE ZOO!

A rookie zookeeper one day is preparing to place new signs on all the animal exhibits, but he trips over something and spills all the letters on the ground. Now he has to unscramble the letters so that he correctly identifies the animals in the zoo. Can you help him?

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KAESNS \_\_\_\_\_

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**SOLUTION:** Left column — lion, turtle, snakes, owl, cheetah, tiger, monkey, bear, elephants, leopard, parrot, koala; Right column — giraffe, penguins, polar bear, porcupine, fish, gibbon, reindeer, zebra, sharks, insects, frogs, camel.