



Great
is thy
faithfulness.



LAMENTATIONS 3:23

Elizabeth, Guest Speaker
Amy, Liturgist
Linden, Organist

March 15, 2026

4th Sunday in Lent

The Church Gathers to Worship

*Those who wish may stand.

MEDITATIVE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (pg 259 [322 LP] OT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to "walk as children of light," called by the Word of God, God's Word in Scripture;

People: Called by the Word of God in our hearts; that inner sense of what's "good and right and true."

Leader: Hear the voice, abiding within, rousing us from our sleep, guiding our way with Christ.

People: The Holy Spirit, secure; Keeper of our faith; Companion in our lives forever!

*HYMN #467

"How Great Thou Art"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Holy God, gracious keeper of each day, call us away from the pressing details that claim our thoughts; lead us now to the *quiet waters*; remind us again there is nothing in our lives that is greater than you; no pain nor sorrow, no worry nor fear. Fill our hearts with the certainty of your love. Refresh our minds with the memory of your care. Fortify our hope, weakened by all that assaults us. In faithful trust, Dear Lord, we *sheep* seek to follow you, as we come now in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (pg 579 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 23* (pg 501 [617 LP] OT)

NEW TEST. READING *Ephesians 5:8-14* (pg 194 [237 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON *John 9:1-41* (pg 102 [125 LP] NT)

SERMON Elizabeth

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #341 *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*

LIGHT YOUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS' WORDS

"I am the Good Shepard" Bob & Julie

MINUTE FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Julie

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (pg. 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Easter Flower" Order Due Next Sunday, March 22nd.

*HYMN #339 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Linden

For the week beginning March 15, 2026

GREETERS:	Terry and Judy
PRAYER FAMILY:	Cheryl
ELDER for the Month:	Terry

Mon Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Tue Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Wed Secretary out of Office for appt.

Thurs Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Next

Sun	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service; Lenten Soup and Study following worship Guest Speaker: Mary Liturgist: Craig Greeters?????? Organist: Linden
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HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

We are currently collecting **TUNA** for the Portville Community Food Pantry.

The **April Worship Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet** is located in the Narthex. Please consider signing up to help with our service!

The **Easter Flower Order Form** is in your bulletin. Order forms, along with payment, are due to Judy by **Sunday, March 22nd**. Please make checks out to **First Presbyterian Church of Portville**. Thank you!

4th Sunday in Lent

SPECIAL MISSION HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

We are collecting NEW and/or
GENTLY USED Sweatpants for children
(pre K. and up) sizes 4, 5, & 6 to donate
to the school nurse at Portville Central
for student emergencies.

First Presbyterian Church

MOVIE EVENT!

Sunday, March 22nd · 2-4 PM

- ★ Popcorn, Drinks, Candy!
- ★ Showing *King of Kings* (PG)
- ★ All Are Welcome!
(Children, Parents, Adults)

To RSVP, please call or text Bizzy
@ 716.307.8988

Location: 19 N. Main Street • Portville, NY



Calendar of Events for Lent:

- Wed., Feb. 18 *Ash Wednesday Service* with the disposition of ashes 7:00 pm
- Sunday, Feb. 22 *First week of Lent* Worship 10:00 am
No Soup and Study
- Sunday, Mar. 1 *Second week of Lent*, Worship 10:00 am
Soup and Study after worship
- Sunday, Mar. 8 *Third week of Lent*, Worship 10:00 am
Soup and Study after worship
- Sunday, Mar. 15 *Fourth week of Lent*, Worship 10:00 am
Soup and Study after worship
- Sunday, Mar. 22 *Fifth week of Lent*, Worship 10:00 am
Soup and Study after worship
- Passion Week:**
- Sunday, Mar. 29 *Palm Sunday* with distribution of palms during Worship 10:00 am
- Thursday, April 2 *Maundy Thursday*
Maundy Thursday potluck dinner, 5:00 pm
- Friday, April 3 *Good Friday*
Sanctuary Open 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for quiet reflection and prayer
- Sunday, April 5 *Easter Sunday*
Sunrise Service in Portville Cemetery,

FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT

Rev. Bruce at 716-378-6773 or
Judy at 716-933-6303

