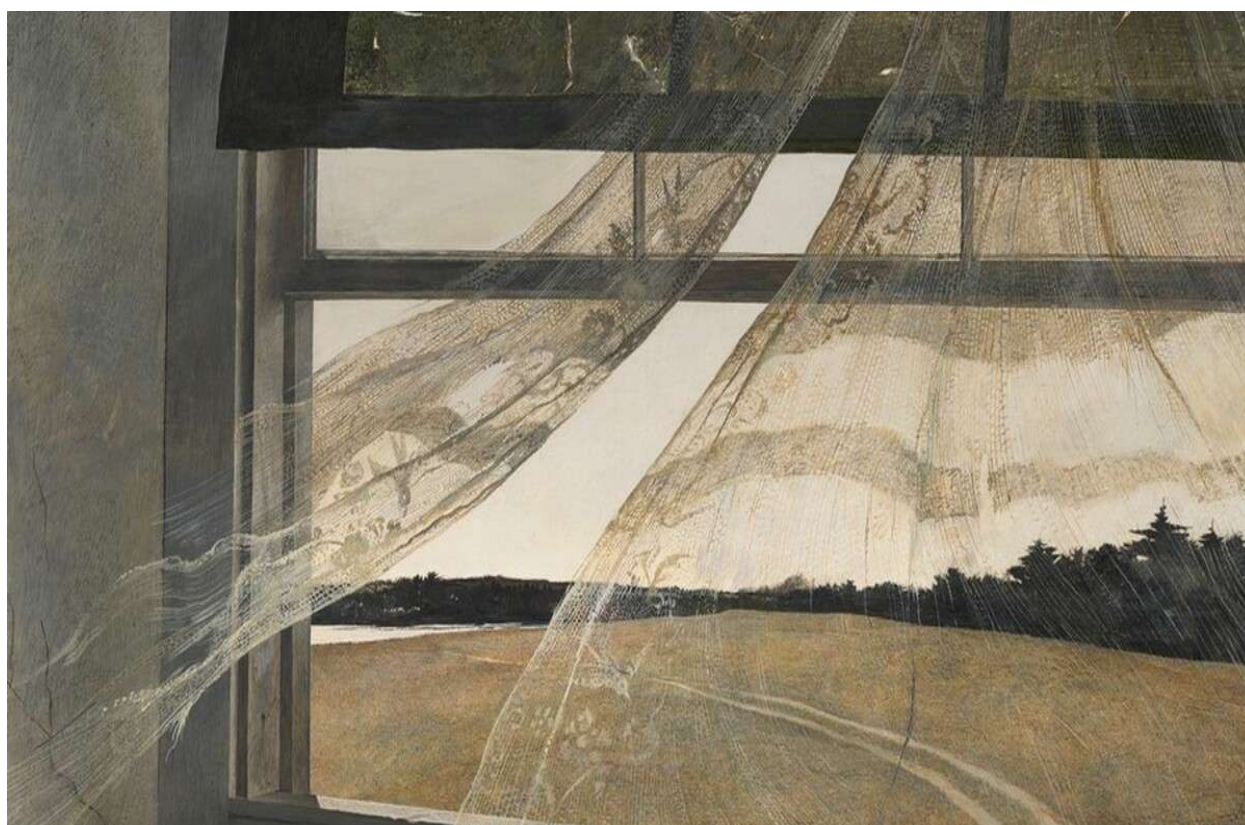




FREDONIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grit & Gratitude: Generosity  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2026



Andrew Wyeth, *Wind from the Sea*

### Prepare for Worship

Welcome to worship, where God gathers us in the name of love. At FPC, we hope to be challenged by Scripture, comforted by community, and energized by service. If you're new here or it's been a while, we're glad you walked in today. For more, check out the bulletin insert. All people: toddlers, teenagers, Gen Xers, Boomers and beyond, LGBTQIA+ folx, conservative or liberal people, and those with differing abilities and mental health—all—are cherished and affirmed here.

Catch up with one another as you come in! When the **chiming of the hour** sounds, please keep the silence as we prepare for worship.

**Reformed worship** centers around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word incarnate. Worship, then, is our communal and individual response to the Word.

**Bold text** is read by the congregation in one voice.

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Confession** isn't to prove you're pious. It's to help rebuild connections between you and God, you and yourself, you and others, and us and the world.

## GATHER

PRELUDE

- Lily Li

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Use this moment of silence to gather your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

- The Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

- Trish Lehnert

One: There was a man who came to Jesus by night.

**All: Curious. Conflicted. Courageous in his own way.**

One: Grit shows up in the night.

**All: Gratitude grows in the light.**

One: He came with questions.

**All: And found himself invited into mystery.**

One: We gather because Love gives and invites us into the mystery.

**All: We gather because grace is generous.**

One: Come, let us worship the God whose generosity holds heaven and earth together.

**All: We worship with grateful and open hearts.**

\*HYMN NO. 634 *To God be the Glory*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

*In lieu of passing the plates, please use this time to consider your gift to the church.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, take what we offer, imperfect, partial, but sincere. Multiply it. Breathe through it. Use it to bring light into someone's night. May our giving reflect your generosity to us: wide, hopeful, and full of love. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 606 *Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; \*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*\*Or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

*(You are invited to share your wrongdoings and sorrows with God)*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Written by Joe Calarco

**Abba Father, we give You thanks and praise for our daily blessings, gifts which you freely give. In gratitude to You we are to bestow acts of generosity to others. However, often we fail to acknowledge the opportunities to give**

**Scripture:** Our pastor (usually) follows the Revised Common Lectionary, an ecumenical, Biblical reading program. This helps the Holy Spirit move into places we might otherwise miss.

**Our Choir:** Anyone can join the choir. They practice Sunday mornings at 9:30. Just show up!

**The Lord's Prayer:** We use "debts and debtors" in the Lord's Prayer. If you're more comfortable with the "trespass" language, please use it. Or if this prayer is meaningful to you in a different language, pray it that way. We all get to "Amen" together.

**Communion:** Anyone, regardless of age or membership, is invited to partake. We use non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten free bread is available with its own cup. If you're nervous, just ask someone. You can't mess this up (although sometimes, we do make a mess and that's okay too!)

**with our hearts, to give freely with love, as You have given to us. We take Your blessings for granted and offer a quick "Thanks" and go on our way. Forgive us for being selfish in receiving and not giving. Open our eyes and our hearts in gratitude and generosity as we minister to Your children, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We are forgiven, healed, and made whole. May all God's people say,  
**All: Amen**

SUNG RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
HYMN NO. 482 *Baptized in Water*

MOMENT WITH GOD'S YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Children 3-12 are invited to attend Fred Kids! a time for faith-formation and fun.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

**WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Genesis 12:1-4

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

- Lily Li

**ENGAGE**

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

One: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our god.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The Great Prayer continues)*

**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 power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offering:** Giving does not buy you God's love—that is free. Giving simply helps keep our heat on, our ministries going, and our staff, paid.

An offering plate is found at the front of the sanctuary. You may also mail or PayPal a donation.

We affirm our faith together because as diverse as we are, as differently as we vote, as many interests as we have, we have these beliefs that we share.

**Benediction** is a fancy word for blessing.

**Worship Notes**

Some of today's liturgy is used with permission from *enfleshed*.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION & SHARING OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 315 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*, vs 1, 2, 3

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the love of God surround you everywhere,  
Everywhere you may go.**

**Session:** Rey Spangler, Kristi Leone, Trish Lehnen, Janine Scaccia, Matthew Carman, Betsy White

POSTLUDE

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Clerk of Session, Rey Spangler  
Parish Associate,

The Rev. Zoe Milliman

Director of Music, Lily Li

Childcare Staff: Reece Lehnen

Liturgist, Trish Lehnen

Fred Kids teacher, Katie Sanders

**Response Team:** Rey Spangler, Betsy White and Matthew Carman

**Deacons of the Month** for March  
Sandi Askin and Melissa Chwoidak

Give a Secure Donation using **PayPal**. Use the drop down to give to a **certain fund**.

**ALL ARE WELCOME** to a time of fellowship from 11:30-12:15 after the service today in the Fellowship Hall.

As a reminder, we're no longer putting an "insert" of announcements in all the bulletins. A handful can be found in our lobby or on our Worship & Spirituality page. This insert includes our prayer list.

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