

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 15, 2026

- **WELCOME!** Please sign in on a fellowship pad, located at the end of your pew. Provide your email to be added to our e-newsletter list.
- Place your **prayer requests** in the basket on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. They will be collected five minutes before the start of worship.
- **Hearing assisted devices** are available from the sound board operator. These transmit the sound from the microphones directly to your ears. **Magnifying sheets** are available on the table in the narthex by the office.
- Please **silence your cell phone** before worship starts. Thank you!
- **We are livestreaming worship** on Facebook and YouTube.

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- **The adult education class will begin watching and discussing Season 5 of *The Chosen*** this week. This week is episode 2 of season 5 of the Chosen. In this episode we question why kill Jesus when Rome can do it for you? As the Jewish High Priest schemes to bring Him down, Jesus strikes first, turning the tables. The class meets at 11:30 am in the library on Sundays. All are welcome. Contact Michelle Mackey for more information.
- **The Deacons are holding a food drive.** Today is the last day for collection! They are requesting the following items: tuna, mac & cheese, 10oz tomato soup, diced tomatoes, Manwich sauce, and canned fruit.
- **Ash Wednesday**, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, is February 18. We will hold two identical services, at noon and at 5:30 pm. The noon service will be held in the chapel downstairs and the evening service will be held in the sanctuary. Both services will last about 30 minutes, and both will include communion and (optional) imposition of ashes. Please note the change in time of the evening service; this is different than what we have done in the past. A regular Wednesday Night Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm.
- **The Annual Congregational meeting** will take place following the worship service on February 22, 2026. The agenda will include congregational action to (1) receive the 2025 Annual Report, and (2) to reapprove the church Bylaws to comply with legal requirements of the State of Michigan. It was discovered recently that when the name of the church was changed from “First United Presbyterian Church” to “First Presbyterian Church of Mason” in our Bylaws many years ago, that name change did not get properly recorded with the State.

- Occasionally the **Deacons arrange to prepare and deliver meals to members of our church when needed.** If anyone would like to help the Deacons with providing a meal once in a while, it would be appreciated! Please contact Sandy Diehl with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

- **Mason Community Services is offering free income tax assistance** for households earning less than \$67,000. Call 211 or 313-591-0822 to schedule a time. MCS will take your information, scan your documents, and IRS-certified tax volunteers will complete them virtually.

- **We have ordered more offering envelopes for 2026** and they have arrived. Look on the table in the memorial room for your envelope book.

- Thanks to the generosity of a donor, children and youth from our church are able to go to one week of **summer camp at Camp Greenwood** for free, and bring a friend along, also for free. Camp descriptions are available at [www.campgreenwood.org](http://www.campgreenwood.org). The camp is located northeast of Grand Rapids, approximately 90 minutes from here. *Very important: to get the free week, you must call the camp at 616-754-7258 and tell them you are from Mason First Presbyterian Church. Do not register online!*

- **Attention all committees:** Remember that you need to elect (or re-elect) a chairperson for your committee at your first meeting in 2026, and report that to Session. Thank you!

- **A car key was found** in the Sanctuary in December. Contact the church office if you think it might be yours.

- **We are still looking for a few more Deacons or Elders** (past or present) to help serve communion to our homebound members periodically. Please contact Sandy Leutscher or Bill Pinches for more information. Thank you!

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### **Ongoing opportunities**

- Join us for **dinner each Wednesday night** at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room! Dinner is open to the whole church and you don't need to bring any food. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help cover the food expenses; the cost to hold these dinners has increased. Thank you!

- **Midweek Prayer** is on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel. This is a brief time (approx. 10 minutes) of guided prayer in company with others. All are welcome.

- The **choir and bell choir** are always open to new participants, and experience is not required. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings.

- To join the church's telephone **Prayer Chain**, contact the church office.