

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Let all the world rejoice.**

People: **The prince of peace draws near.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** God of all knowledge, who knows what we need before we need it, make us calm and sure in Your presence. Put Your words in our hearts forever. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 645 "*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*" MIT FREUDEN ZART

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God hear our prayers of confession. We have sinned against You and against our brothers and sisters. We have held grudges when we are told to forgive one another. We have used Your love as a weapon rather than a spiritual gift to others. Forgive us when we fail to live a Godly life and teach us Your ways. (Say – "**Please pray silently,**" and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

You may be seated

A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION God of light and understanding, grant us wisdom as we hear Your words today. May they reach our minds and hearts and find them receptive to Your message for our world. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 121 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?**

People: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: **He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.**

People: **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: **The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

People: **The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**

Leader: **The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.**

People: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Genesis 12:1-4a, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 10 of the Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 3:1-17 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 93-94 of the New Testament

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 517 "*Here, O Lord, We See You*" vs. 1-3 MORECAMBE

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 "*Glory Be to the Father*" *GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.

You may be seated, and now I would like to bring you some Minutes for Mission

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Nash

ANNOUNCEMENTS **It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY **And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*"

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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of wilderness and water, Your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 634 "*To God Be the Glory*" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 515 vs. 5 "*I Come with Joy*" DOVE OF PEACE

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group - Bible Study

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

EASTER LILY SIGN-UP SHEET

There is a sign-up sheet on the large round table in the Opportunity Corner if you would like to purchase Easter Lilies. The last day to sign-up will be on Sunday, March 29, 2026.

ST PATRICK'S POT-LUCK LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a Pot-Luck Luncheon on March 15, 20256. Please plan on attending and bring your favorite dish to share. We will also be celebrating Joan Christy's 96th birthday, so I will be bringing a cake.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

CELEBRATIONS

We are celebrating Elizabeth's 98th birthday!

Elizabeth is celebrating the season of Lent

Nnennaya is celebrating her son-in-law and her nephews birthdays.

Chikezie says "Hi" to everyone

Pat is celebrating having the Perry's back