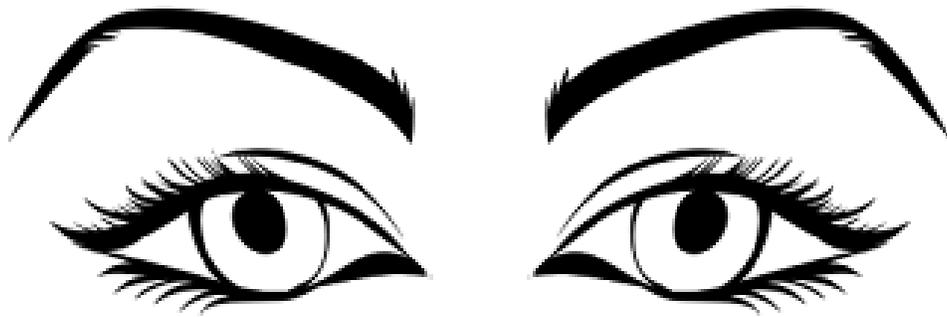




PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15th, 2026 Worship 10 am

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First Time Here? Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for fellowship & coffee in Bowen Hall after service.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, a hearing loop and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the

Children with you?

Activities for kids are in the entry way or kids table in the back of our Sanctuary. Sunday School is offered after *Gathering of the Children* during the service.

Quiet Room open at back of church.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Andante Cantabile" Charles M. Widor

WELCOME -*If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in the offering plate.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

INTROIT "My Hope I Rest Then On The Lord" J.S. Bach
The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

*HYMN #610(vs 1,2,4) "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Carl Gotthelf Gläser

1. "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of His grace!

2. The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health, and peace.

4. "My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (**Unison**)

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people let us receive this goodness and mercy and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.

Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation are from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 110.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 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

CALL FOR OFFERING

Linda Burille

OFFERTORY

"How Long Has It Been"

Mosie Lister



*DOXOLOGY

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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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. **Amen.**

Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 113.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION-

HYMN #282 "Come Down, O Love Divine" Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:8-14 (NRSVUE)

Linda Burille

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Savior, Guide Us"

Nancy M. René

The Chancel Choir

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- John 9:1-41 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

"Seeing"

Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #739

"O for a Closer Walk with God"

Scottish Psalter

1. O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

2. Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
and drove thee from my breast.

3. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

4. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of light, we depend on you for everything we need: for daily food, for guidance and protection, for healing in injury and comfort in sorrow. You respond in abundant provision.

Thank you for your tender care of us. Thank you for soothing the wounds of life. Thank you that in the presence of enemies, especially the last enemy, death, you are with us, as Shepherd, Host, Home.

Knowing your faithfulness in our lives, we bring before you the lives of others, the cares of this world.

Bring healing to those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit. Bring release to those held captive by old hurts or new bonds that oppress. Bring relief to those burdened by debt and those who suffer from abuse of any kind.

We pray for people living precariously in the midst of war. Protect civilians and soldiers alike, and teach us to put away our weapons, taking up instead words of peace and reconciliation. Break down the walls of hostility we build that we might learn to live together graciously.

We remember those living during drought and famine. Compel us to be better stewards of the creation so that our habitation is sustainable and responsible.

Loving God, help us to see the world as you see it; to see others as you see them; and to see ourselves rightly, too.

Pursue us all with your goodness and faithful love until goodness and faithful love fills every heart and informs every action. We pray that we might see and hear your presence for us, especially as we pray:

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.

*HYMN #749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

David Haas (1988)

1. Come! live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain. We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers
united in love!

*BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE- "Postlude on a Ground" Herbert Murril

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Linda Burille*

MUSIC: *Carol Menke, the Chancel Choir, along with Althea Wright, accompanist.*

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : *Anthony Cornejo, Phil Goede, Damaris Hamilton,
DJ Maxwell-Kellam, Mia Krause, Josh Lim, Nico Wycoff*

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*“Jessica Arriola dedicates Flowers for her
daughter Amber and
Granddaughter Beth Birthday’s”*

**Our new Flower Dedication Sign-up is now up in Campbell Court -
Please select your date before it is taken!*

Ellen Marks will contact you the week before for flowers/dedication -

Thanks



PRAYER REQUESTS- Please include in your prayers-

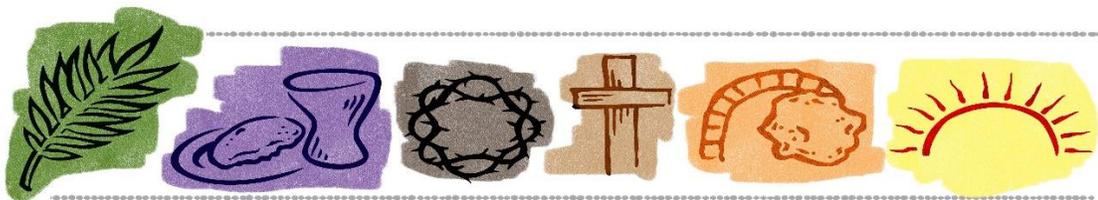
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H o l y W e e k

- ❖ **Palm Sunday Service – March 29th 10am**
- ❖ **Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship is April 2nd at 5:30pm**
- ❖ **Good Friday Concert 7:30pm April 3rd (free)**
Featuring: REQUIEM by Michael John Trotta
- ❖ **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE- 10am April 5th**