

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 1, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”

Arr.: Hugh S. Livinston, Jr.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beth Sheahan, Liturgist

Leader: I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come?

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

Leader: We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth,

People: For God is found among us.

Leader: Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ’s name,

People: God is here among us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of Creation, the God of People, the God of Community.

People: Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way. Let us worship together in faith.

***HYMN #55** (see bulletin)

“Immortal, Invisible”

W.C. Smith/WELSH MELODY

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow, calling us to set aside our foolish lives, for the grace-full ones which are offered to us. Let us confess how often we choose not to follow, as we pray together our prayer of confession. Let us pray...

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life’s journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don’t run deep enough and don’t last. We come to your well this Lent desperate and thirsty for Christ’s living water. Quench our thirst, we pray, even now in these quiet moments of worship... Our prayers continue in silence...

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

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. Know that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

***HYMN #417** (see bulletin)

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Daman’s Psalms

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein”

Johann Pachelbel

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Psalm 121

ANTHEM

“His Peace Will Come”

Craig Curry

SECOND READING:

John 3:1-17

SERMON

“How Can These Things Be?”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

The Apostles' Creed

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; 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

***HYMN #410** (*see bulletin*)

“Near To the Heart of God”

Cleland B. McAfee

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Beloved people of God, I invite you, in the name of Christ, to continue to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by meditating on God's word.

People: May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen!

***POSTLUDE**

“Short Voluntary”

John Worgan

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers are given with gratitude for our Sunday School teachers
who work diligently to bring understanding and inspiration of the Gospel to us each Sunday.
May these teachers be blessed for their service.*

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Laura Perry Johnson and Joan White

THIS AFTERNOON!!! Sunday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. Resonance Alternative Worship Service

Monday, March 2 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings (youth breakfast/study)

Monday, March 2 at 10 a.m. PW Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 3 at 9 a.m. LENT STUDY

Wednesday, March 4 at 4 p.m. Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS, SET CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR

THIS AFTERNOON: RESONANCE ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

We invite you to join us for the Resonance Alternative Service this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for a time of reflection, singing and faith discussion featuring Northminster Presbyterian's Ralph Hawkins. We will be discussing the mission of the church grounded in Jesus.

LENT STUDY

Tuesday at 9 a.m., join us for the Lenten Bible study at Shalom Café to study *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* by Adam Hamilton. (*Gather on the patio at Shalom this coming Tuesday.*) Contact Austin Pounds with questions or to order a printed copy of the book (also available on Kindle).

Austin: dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EGGVENT

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., March 29, Palm Sunday, we will be hosting a time of fun games, food and crafts for all ages. Please RSVP so we can plan the food and activities. Contact Austin at dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.

WATCH SUPPER

RESERVATIONS: 229-985-3158 or firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com
In March we will be featuring the recipes from "PASS THE PLATE,"

and we have copies of the cookbook in the office that you can purchase for \$25.

MENU Wednesday, March 4:

Regular: Creamy Chicken Enchiladas (recipe by Nancy Coleman, page 230), Mexican yellow rice, Refried Beans, Queso, Salad Bar

Diet: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

Children: Chicken Quesadillas with Queso & Chips

Dessert: Chocolate Pie & Ice Cream & Cookies