



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | 10:30AM

## DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

*In this church we foster fellowship and relationships. Before the welcome feel free to move around and greet one another.*

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

The good news of the gospel is:

**Manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**Release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising good news is here for you.

**Let us worship this good-news God.**

### ✦ PRAISE HYMN

*MORE LIKE JESUS*

*PASSION*

### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious. We have to pray on our knees without ceasing.

We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door. But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed – unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine – surprising and extravagant. And all of a sudden, we wonder: can we be like that mustard seed?

Can we be faithful and unruly? Can we be playful and curious? Can we be messy and still be yours? We know the answer already. The Spirit whispers: *of course, of course, of course.* Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace.

With faith like a mustard seed, we pray. Amen. *(We continue in silence...)* Amen.

### ✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

**We invite you to fill out the fellowship pads** with your information so we can be in fellowship with you!

### Confession:

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed Tradition.

We invite you to use this time to enter into conversation, and see where Christ's peace is moving in another's life.

✦ **JOYFUL RESPONSE** *GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME* 582  
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,**  
**whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit whose love has set me free.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**  
**World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.**  
**World without end, without end. Amen.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

✦ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** *JOHN 2:1-11*  
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS* *MARK HAYES*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *MATTHEW 13:31-32*  
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *THE GOOD NEWS IS...*

✦ **SERMON HYMN** *IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER* 250

### **DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH*  
**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,**  
**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in**  
**Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with**  
**others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**  
**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,**  
**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**  
**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.**

## POINTS OF MINISTRY

### OFFERTORY

### ✠DOXOLOGY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.

## DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

### ✠SENDING HYMN

*COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME*

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### ✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

#### Give Joyfully Cards:

We give not only our money, but everything we have to God. Please read our Give Joyfully card in the pew rack. You may place it in the offering plate as a reminder to offer yourself to God this week.

You may give to the church digitally by using your camera to hover over the QR code below which will take you to our online giving page.



Worship Leaders:  
Sarah Godwin  
Rev. A.J. Mealar  
Phillip Ashley  
Karey Fowler

## WELCOME VISITORS

A very special welcome to any visitors among us today. We sincerely hope that, when you leave us today, you have an abundant sense of love and welcome. Our pastor, A.J., would love to speak with you and your family if you have any questions about who we are as a family, and what we feel called to do and be in our neighborhood. You can reach him at revmealor@gmail.com. We hope that you have a blessed week and that you'll join us again.

Next Week's Readings:  
Luke 7:36-50  
Matthew 25:35-40

## NEWS TO KNOW

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CONFIRMATION  
UNITY CIRCLE  
10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
(IN PERSON & YOUTUBE)  
11:30AM ANNUAL MEETING  
11:40AM FELLOWSHIP HOUR  
11:45AM HANDBELL REHEARSAL  
3:00PM BILL LEE FUNERAL  
5:30PM YOUTH GROUP

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

2:30PM BUNCO (ZOOM)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

4:30PM PWCT

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25:

6:30PM CHOIR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1:

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
(IN PERSON & YOUTUBE)  
11:30AM FELLOWSHIP HOUR  
5:30PM YOUTH GROUP

Livestream is available on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/fellowshipchurch).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Wanda Alford	Cecelia Novak	Larry Everett	Duane Woods
Dick Buys		Tom Shields	The Family of Bill Lee
Fisher, Audree, & Josh Yaney	Mary Jackson Thomas		Arlene Goodman
The Family of Judy Renwick	The Family of Beth Burr		The Wheelers

### FRIENDS OF FAMILY

**Bob Roller**  
(Duane Woods)

**Randolph McInvale**  
(Donna & Rodney Weisman)

**Kim McDaniel, Janet Howarth,  
and Rosey Jones (friend)**  
(Jan Bell)

**Dan & Joanne Bohl, Ashley Moore**  
(Alice & Chuck Saunders)

**Jerre Michelin, Larry Posey, Bruce  
Barnes and Ruth Jamieson**  
(Rita Schumm)

**Heather Bailey Ray & Lisa and Mrs.  
Kristine Joubert**  
(Lisa Bigham)

**Tim and Aunt Liz Williford,  
Chris Beers (neighbor)**  
(Cochran & Beth Keating)

**Nikita Mac**  
(Jamie Seidman McDonnell)

**Dan Mercer**  
(Beth & John Mercer)

**Charlie Sinclair**  
(Jane Fletcher)

**Lee Steel, Parents, & Josh Huff**  
(Doc Dean)

**Carolyn Parsons,  
Calliope Rose and Scott Riley**  
(Michele & David Reed)

**Cade & Family**  
(Kristin Morgan)

**Shelia (niece), Gene (husband),  
Amy (daughter)**  
(Louise Sadler)

**Minnie Lee Vann (mother)**  
(Gerome Brown)

**The Henderson Family**  
(Laura Beth Hall)

**Gloria Byard**  
(Joyce Blocker)

**Freightlin Cox, Kevin Sattler,**  
(Elaine Wilbur)

**Anna (granddaughter)**  
(Melanie and Cliff Jordan)

**Marcia Sanders (sister)**  
(Ken Wilson)

**Jill Dooley & Family,  
Tammy, Kim, Nureatha,  
Cathy, Gregory, Nancy**  
(Laura Harrison)

**Barrett Family and  
Byrd Lewis Mashburn**  
(Karan Newsome)

**MaryAnn King (mother),  
Jason Pusey (son-in-law),  
Patrice High-Pinder**  
(Diane Bodenhamer)

**Lee Stillwell (son-in-law)**  
(Wanda Alford)

**Karen & Joe Rodesta (cousins)**  
(Rita Sockman)

**Phil Ashley (father), Sarah White**  
(Phillip Ashley)

**Carol (sister)**  
(Elaine Hebenthal)

**Daniel Godwin (David's brother),  
The Family of David Kight  
(Katie's dad)**  
(The Godwins)

**All Military & Families,  
Robert Gamble &  
This Child Here**

If you have a prayer concern or celebration, or are interested in becoming a part of the prayer chain ministry, please call the office at (850) 893-0617 or send an email to [fellowshipprayer24@gmail.com](mailto:fellowshipprayer24@gmail.com).

### THE SESSION

Jan Bell, Cliff Jordan, Melissa Wyllie  
Beth Keating, Mike Novak, Joyce Blocker  
Shannon Woods, Heather Kidd,  
Jamie S. McDonnell  
CLERK: Beth Keating

### THE DIACONATE

Cathy Sheridan, Louise Sadler,  
Laura B. Hall, Rita Schumm  
JoAnn Schlorholtz, Melanie Jordan  
TREASURER: Hillman Brannon

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