



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.

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.

WELCOME

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

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.

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.

♦ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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.**

Sermon Notes:

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. Mealor
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:

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| 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:

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| 2:30PM | BUNCO (ZOOM) |
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

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| 4:30PM | PWCT |
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25:

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| 6:30PM | CHOIR |
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SUNDAY, MARCH 1:

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| 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).

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

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| 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

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| Bob Roller (Duane Woods) | Gloria Byard (Joyce Blocker) |
| Randolph McInvale (Donna & Rodney Weisman) | Freightlin Cox, Kevin Sattler, (Elaine Wilbur) |
| Kim McDaniel, Janet Howarth, and Rosey Jones (friend) (Jan Bell) | Anna (granddaughter) (Melanie and Cliff Jordan) |
| Dan & Joanne Bohl, Ashley Moore (Alice & Chuck Saunders) | Marcia Sanders (sister) (Ken Wilson) |
| Jerre Michelin, Larry Posey, Bruce Barnes and Ruth Jamieson (Rita Schumm) | Jill Dooley & Family, Tammy, Kim, Nureatha, Cathy, Gregory, Nancy (Laura Harrison) |
| Heather Bailey Ray & Lisa and Mrs. Kristine Joubert (Lisa Bigham) | Barrett Family and Byrd Lewis Mashburn (Karan Newsome) |
| Tim and Aunt Liz Williford, Chris Beers (neighbor) (Cochran & Beth Keating) | MaryAnn King (mother), Jason Pusey (son-in-law), Patrice High-Pinder (Diane Bodenhamer) |
| Nikita Mac (Jamie Seidman McDonnell) | Lee Stillwell (son-in-law) (Wanda Alford) |
| Dan Mercer (Beth & John Mercer) | Karen & Joe Rodesta (cousins) (Rita Sockman) |
| Charlie Sinclair (Jane Fletcher) | Phil Ashley (father), Sarah White (Phillip Ashley) |
| Lee Steel, Parents, & Josh Huff (Doc Dean) | Carol (sister) (Elaine Hebenthal) |
| Carolyn Parsons, Calliope Rose and Scott Riley (Michele & David Reed) | Daniel Godwin (David's brother), The Family of David Kight (Katie's dad) (The Godwins) |
| Cade & Family (Kristin Morgan) | All Military & Families, Robert Gamble & This Child Here |
| Shelia (niece), Gene (husband), Amy (daughter) (Louise Sadler) | |
| Minnie Lee Vann (mother) (Gerome Brown) | |
| The Henderson Family (Laura Beth Hall) | |
| 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 . | |
| 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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