Service for the Lord's Day

Fellowship Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026 | 10:30am

Disciples Gather to Worship God

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.

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

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

⌖Call to Worship

God loves the field mouse. **God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**
God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew. **God loves the child who rocks and claps.**
God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.
God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.
God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.
God loves the giant oaks and evergreens, standing strong over all of us.
God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.
There is no bit of creation that God does not love.
So let us worship this good-news God! **Amen.**

⌖Praise Hymn *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 291

⌖Prayer of Confession

God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."
Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.
Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
We confess, we have clung to our weapons of war more than we have pursued peace.
God said, "When you gather the grapes of the vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, orphan, and the widow.
We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.
Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."
We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways. Fortunately for all of us, God said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."
By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.
May this good news change our lives! **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.

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 Deuteronomy 24:17-22

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Selections from the Messiah* *G.F. Handel*

Sermon Notes:

Scripture Reading Matthew 19:13-15

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

✝Sermon Hymn *Together We Serve* *767*

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

✝Affirmation of Faith *from The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form
of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform
the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all
things to serve the purpose of God's love.

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 *Go, My Children with My Blessing* *547*

✝Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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.

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:
Beth Keating
Rev. Cheryl Montgomery
Phillip Ashley
Karey Fowler

Next Week's Readings:
John 8:2-11
Matthew 23:23

News to Know

Sunday, March 15:

9:30am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service (In Person & Youtube)
11:30am	Fellowship Hour
11:45am	Handbell Rehearsal

Monday, March 16:

2:30pm	Bunco (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 17:

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 18:

6:30pm	Choir

Sunday, March 22:

9:30am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service (In Person & Youtube)
11:30am	Fellowship Hour
11:45am	Handbell Rehearsal
12:00pm	Session

Livestream is available on YouTube.

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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)

The Family of Jim George
(Anne Hall)

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.

The Session

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

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The Diaconate

Cathy Sheridan, Louise Sadler,
Laura B. Hall, Rita Schumm
JoAnn Schlorholtz, Melanie Jordan

Treasurer: Hillman Brannon