



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 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

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God.

✦ PRAISE HYMN

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP

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✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a merry tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

(We continue to pray 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 8:2-11
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *WHEN JESUS WEPT* *PARKER/SHAW*

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 23:11-28
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD PART 5

✦ **SERMON HYMN** *MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST* 828

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.**

Sermon Notes:

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

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

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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:
Angela Hockin
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:
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11

NEWS TO KNOW

SUNDAY, MARCH 22:

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE
 (IN PERSON & YOUTUBE)
 11:30AM FELLOWSHIP HOUR
 11:45AM HANDBELL CHOIR
 11:45AM SESSION

MONDAY, MARCH 23:

2:30PM BUNCO (ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25:

6:30PM CHOIR

SUNDAY, MARCH 29:

PALM SUNDAY

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 CONFIRMATION
 UNITY CIRCLE
 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

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

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.

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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
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