

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Second Sunday in Lent  
Celebrate the Gifts of Women;  
Self-Development of People;  
Justice Advocacy Sunday*

**March 16, 2025**

**Eleven O'Clock**

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Pat Nash

## **PRELUDE:**

## **CHIMING THE HOUR**

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

**Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,**

People: **be gracious to me and answer me!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Lord we thank You for the earth and all the beauty that surrounds us. We are grateful for Your love for us and for the love of family and friends. We embrace the opportunity to worship You with joy, whatever our lives bring. For in You, O Lord we have our comfort and our hope. Amen.

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No 49 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

**Let us pray together**

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all creation search our hearts and know our transgressions. In our efforts to follow Your footsteps we sometimes veer off the path. We turn a blind eye to the poor and the hungry. We hope that someone else will deal with the immigrant. We excuse evil in our midst. In our own lives we feel the pull of temptation in things both large and small. Lord, keep us faithful to You and forgive us when we falter. Help us to live lives that will reflect Your love on all around us. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen.

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

**You may be seated.**

**A TIME FOR YOUTH** At this time would our youth please come forward.

**Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Open our minds and hearts to Your word today. As we hear You speak in words and music may we hear Your call on our lives clearly. In Jesus' name, Amen

**PSALTER LESSON** Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 27, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

People: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh – my adversaries and foes – they shall stumble and fall.

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

People: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

Leader: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will set me high on a rock.

People: Now my head is lifted up above me enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: “Come,” my heart says, “seek His face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Leader: Do not hide Your face from me. Do not turn Your servant away in anger, You who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

People: If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Leader: **Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

People: **Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

Leader: I **believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

People: **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Our New Testament Lesson comes from Philippians 3:17-4:1, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 198 of the New Testament**

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

**<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.**

**<sup>4</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**The choir will now sing the Anthem:**

**ANTHEM:**

**GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 13:31-35 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 77 of the New Testament**

**Luke 13:31-35**

**<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

Janet Boyanton

**Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:**

**\*HYMN** No. 213 *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* verses 1-4 RATHBUN

**Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.**

**\*AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**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; He descended into hell; 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.**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 *"Glory Be to the Father"* GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end, Amen, amen.**

**You may be seated, and now I would like to bring you a Minute for Mission**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Pat Nash

**ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE 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**

### **OFFERTORY:**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We gather together in this place of worship and ask Your blessing on all that we are and all that we do. In times of uncertainty we lean on You, knowing that in all things You are in control. We offer You the best that we have as cheerful givers. Use these our gifts of talents, time, and tithes to bring Your grace to those who need it most. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No.307 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* CWM RHONDDA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 *“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”* GOD BE WITH YOU  
**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

# Daily Bread

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY** – 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

**THURSDAY** – 10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** –

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

Joan Christy

Devynne's grandmother, Doris Poteet, is off the ventilator and will be moved to a rehab center soon

Pope Francis is very ill

All those in our congregation who are sick

Makia just came back from Cameroon, prayers for Robert Johnson and family

Lori's friend Debby Thornton fell and broke her elbow and needs our prayers