

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
2nd Sunday in Lent, March 16, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Chapel Chimes / Spring Song
Alpha Bell Choir

by Sallie Lloyd

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lent calls us to journey with Jesus, wherever he leads.

Lent calls us to follow and serve and love.

Lent calls us to worship together, for the sake of the world.

Lent calls us to seek mercy and practice justice.

Lent calls us to walk with God and trust God's goodness.

Let us walk each day sure in God's promises.

*HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you call us to love:

to love when we can't help it,

to love when love is hard work,

to love when we don't know how,

to love when we are tired and confused.

In Christ, you have shown us what love looks like.

Draw us closer to you, that we might love as you love,

even when it requires sacrifice or humility or discomfort.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We Are Forgiven

HYMN 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

and also with you.

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elizabethport Presbyterian Center Helen Mosley & Lorraine Tidd

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Ministries to Children and Their Families

Let the Children Come

by Helen Kemp

Let the little children come to me.

Let them come and gather at my knee.

**Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,
this is how God's kingdom ought to be?**

This is how God's kingdom ought to be.

(Children ages preschool–grade 4 are invited to attend Sunday School. Grades 5-8 students are invited to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Devon Jones

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Taking Your Time

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Father of All, We Give You Thanks
Sanctuary Choir

by Richard Shephard

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light unto the world.
Keep us firm in the faith that you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our our Lord, Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

HYMN 606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

*CLOSING HYMN 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude in D Minor</i> Organ	Bruckner/arr. Hopson
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**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship
in Westminster Hall.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Chip Landis, by his sisters and father.

~In loving memory of her dear friend, Pat Lord, by Sue Brewer.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in March & April. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at flowers@brpc.org.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 16

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Parlor & Library
Fellowship & Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Confirmation Luncheon, 11:15 a.m., Church House Parlor & Library
Middle School Fellowship Ice Skating Event, 3:00 p.m., Mennen Arena
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street

Monday, March 17

Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online
Children & Families Ministry Council, 7:15 p.m., online
Personnel Council, 7:30 p.m., Church House Library & online
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, March 18

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Stephen Ministry, 1:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Agape Hour, 3:45 p.m., Church House Agape Room
Art & Bible for grades 1-5, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Monthly Dinner for families of children grades 5 and under, 5:45 p.m., Westminster Hall
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Youth & Young Adults Council, 7:00 p.m., Church House Library & online
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Tuesday Night Group, 7:15 p.m., online
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, March 19

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Lenten Music & Meditation, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Lenten Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Westminster Hall
Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library

Thursday, March 20

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., online
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., online
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary
Oratorio Choir Rehearsal, 8:15 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

Friday, March 21

Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m., Blue Café
PEO Group, 9:00 a.m., Church House Parlor

Saturday, March 22

Joanne Howell Memorial Service, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Joanne Howell Memorial Reception, 12:00 p.m., Westminster Hall

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