3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE *O Sacred Head* *Flor Peeters*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

✟CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Exodus 17

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Come, all who thirst – come to the water!
All: We who long for the water of life – let us come and drink!
One: Dip your soul in the river of God's goodness;
All: we will quench our thirst at God's well of grace.
One: For God is here among us, offering living water to all who would drink.
All: Let's worship God together!

✟HYMN OF PRAISE *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* **#41, v. 1-4**

✟PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only our hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending the knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into your kingdom of grace and hope. Amen.

✟ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. We are forgiven and made new.
All: We will complete God's joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, and love with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✟PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

✟RESPONSE *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* **#41, v. 5**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

✟HYMN OF PREPARATION *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* **#81**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:16-20 p. 34 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *What Wondrous Love/O Sacred Head* *arr. Hassler*

Beth Robertson, soprano
Daniel Robertson, tenor

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 17:1-7 p. 64 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Interlude* *Flor Peeters*
✟Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **#606**
✟Prayer of Dedication

✟AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* Psalm 139:7-10

O Lord, where can we go from your spirit? Or where can we flee from your presence? If we ascend to heaven, you are there; if we make our bed in Sheol, you are there. If we take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead us, and your right hand shall hold us fast.

✟HYMN OF SENDING *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* **#65**

✟BENEDICTION

✟POSTLUDE *Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen* *Helmut Walcha*

✟PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Pam Turner – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah Warner-Sperl – Organist

Ushers: Doug and Leslie Matthews, Nancy Smythe, and Tim Wright
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Matt Casey (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Mar 8	Exodus 17:1-7	Is the Lord among us or not?
Mar 15	1 Samuel 16:1-13	The Anointing of David
Mar 22	Ezekiel 37:1-14	The Valley of the Dry Bones
Mar 29	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given in loving memory of Bonnie Johnson Beals, by Joe Beals and Bill Johnson.

PRAYER STATIONS are available in Room 50 (on the opposite end of the hall from the library) throughout Lent. Come and take advantage of this opportunity for prayer any time the church is open.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS can now be placed in honor/memory of a loved one. Details are in the order form in your bulletin – you may order using the form OR by scanning the QR code here to order through Realm. **All flower orders are due by Sunday, March 22.** Thank you for helping us beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday!

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

FOOD & FRIENDS is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. If you are interested in hosting Food & Friends, scan the QR code to sign up or let Pastor Tim know. **The next Food and Friends is TODAY – hope to see you there!**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will have their monthly gathering this Tuesday, March 10, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All are welcome for a morning of fellowship together!

PIZZA & BINGO: You're invited to join us after worship on March 22 for a pizza lunch followed by an afternoon of Bingo! There will be prizes for youth and adults as well as a special prize for the last game: a "blackout round" for the first person to completely fill their card! See you on the 22nd!

GROW

THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word.* All are invited – join us!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are reading and studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

EGGS NEEDED! We are now collecting candy-filled plastic Easter eggs for our egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5 (*peanut butter and nut-free candy only, please!*). There will be a collection location in the atrium. Thank you in advance for your donations!

SUPPORT

WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 8th

9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.	Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)
	Food and Friends (Offsite)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Monday, March 9th

5:30 p.m.	Women's Growth Group (Library)

Tuesday, March 10th

10:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Room)
8:45 p.m.	UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, March 12th

10:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)
5:30 p.m.	Men's Growth Group (Library)

Sunday, March 15th

9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.	Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Rm.)
10:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Mary Chambers Rm.)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Joe Beals, Geoff Duggan, Mark Jenkins,
Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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