



# balmoral presbyterian church

## service of worship

March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

11:00am

**Chiming of the Hour**

Bells of Balmoral

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev James Gale, Executive Presbyter

### ***GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE***

**Prelude**

"Mazurka, Op.67"

Chopin

Noel Wilkins, pianist

**\*Call to Worship**

Phyllis Long, Liturgist

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;

**People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.

**People: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

**\*Gathering Song 475**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.**

*(Time of silence to lift personal confessions)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response Hymn**

"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.**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**Musical Offering**

"In This Very Room"

Ron and Carol Harris

BPC Choir

### ***HEARING THE WORD***

**Children's Message**

**Invitation to Centering Silence**

*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**

Exodus 17:1-7

**Gospel Reading**

John 4:5-42

**Sermon**

A Different Conversation

Rev. James Gale

**Silent Reflection**

*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

**\*Song of Response 438**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

TOPLADY

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

***Nicene Creed***

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*(As we pray aloud together, we use the ecumenical version printed here.*

*You are invited to pray your preferred version.)*

**Outreach Moment**

**Moment for Mission**

**Offering**

*Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Coins for a Cause in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry. Pass the Friendship Pads along the row, then pass it back down the row and greet those in your row after worship.*

## Offertory

"Medley"

Noel Wilkins, pianist

## \*Hymn 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord use our voices; Lord use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering; we are an offering.

## \*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

## Sending Song 65

"Guide Me Thou, O Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

## Charge and Blessing

## \*Benediction Response

"Lord Let Us Leave Now"

OLD ENGLISH TUNE

Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.  
Though we have some questions, our faith in You is sure.  
We know You are with us, Your way will endure.  
Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.

## Postlude

"Medley"

Noel Wilkins, pianist

## **REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!**

- Permission to stream the music and print words and music in this worship service are obtained from ONE LICENSE A-732788 and CCLI License 1725833.
- All responsive readings are shown with normal type for the leader and the bold portions are read in unison by all.
- \* indicates those who are able, please stand

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Bill Hooker (13); Mark Howland (16);  
Robin Van Nortwick (20); Daniel Rzeznik (25)

## **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill and Eleanor Thomas (30)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! We welcome The Reverend James Gale, Executive Presbyter of the Mid-South, leading our worship this morning. And thank you to the Balmoral Choir, directed by Fran Addicott, Noel Wilkins, pianist, and Phyllis Long, Liturgist.
- **LARGE PRINT HYMNS:** If you would like a copy of the songs we are singing in worship today in large print, there are copies available on the table near the sanctuary entrance.
- **EARTH CARE TIPS for MARCH:** During spring cleaning, use t-shirts with stains or holes that would otherwise be thrown away as rags to help with cleaning.
- **CREATION STATION:** BPC loves the children to be a part of our worship service. We invite families to allow children to join at our Creation Station which is located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that a responsible adult sit in the back row in case a need arises.
- **SUNDAY STUDIES:** Come and join us each Sunday at 9:30am for Sunday Studies, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Janice Hill and Mary Schmitz lead the discussion. You may purchase the book on Amazon.
- **BALMORAL BOOK CLUB** will meet on March 10, at 1:30 p.m., to discuss The Book of Joy – Happiness in a Changing World, by Desmond Tutu, the Dalai Lama and Douglas Carlton Abrams. Jane Schneider will be our leader and our host at her home, 8487 Lofton Cove in Cordova.

The Book of Joy came from a meeting in April 2015, when Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness's 80th birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering? This book offers us a rare opportunity to experience their astonishing and unprecedented week together, from the first embrace to the final good-bye. Everyone is welcome to participate.
- **FOOD CART FOCUS SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is food cart focus Sunday. Please plan on bringing pasta and hand-held can openers this month. Let's make a positive impact in the lives of those served through the Covenant Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry.
- **JOIN PASTOR MARK FOR AN IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY** on the Book of Revelation beginning Monday, February 23 at 6:00 PM. We will meet every other Monday evening as we explore the meaning, message, and hope found in this powerful and often misunderstood book of Scripture. Whether you are new to Revelation or have studied it before, this study will offer meaningful discussion, historical context, and practical insights for living faithfully today. All are welcome—come grow in faith and understanding together!
- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
  - The Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown's Food Pantry. needs staples from our Food Cart!
  - Supplies for the Hospitality bags
  - Place used toothbrushes & empty toothpaste in the box in the Food Cart for recycling

## CALENDAR

- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR: (NOTE: \*\* indicates Presbytery event; ## indicates a community event; @@ indicates Private event)**
  - **TUESDAYS with TED meets every Tuesday, 8:00am.** at Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross Rd.
  - **CHAIR YOGA meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30pm** in Classroom B
  - **## AL-ANON meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm** in Classroom A
  - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL meets every Wednesday** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
  - **CHOIR REHEARSAL meets every Wednesday** at 7:00pm in the Choir Room
  - **BOOK CLUB, Tuesday, March 10, 1:30 pm** at the home of Jane Schneider , 8487 Loftan Cove in Cordova.
  - **## HOLD ON! Meeting, Saturday, March 14, 10:00am** in the Sanctuary
  - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, March 15, 9:30am** in Classroom A
  - **WORSHIP, Sunday, March 15, 11:00am**
  - **SESSION MEETING, Sunday, March 15, 12:30pm**
  - **WRITERS CIRCLE, Monday, March 16, 1:00** in Classroom A
  - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP, Thursday, March 19, 10:15am** in Classroom A
  - **## THE SUMMIT PARKING, Friday, March 20, 4:30pm** in the North Parking Lot
  - **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY, Friday, March 20, 5:30pm** (location TBD)
  - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, March 22, 9:30am** in Classroom A
  - **WORSHIP, Sunday, March 22, 11:00am**
  - **OUTREACH TEAM MEETING, Monday, March 23, 5:00pm** in Classroom B
  - **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MARK, Monday, March 23, 6:00pm** in Classroom A
  - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, March 29, 9:30am** in Classroom A
  - **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, March 29, 11:00am**

## ***OUR MISSION:***

***We are an open community who believes God is love  
and who lives our belief through praise and service.***



website: [www.balmoralpc.com](http://www.balmoralpc.com)  
email: [balmoral@balmoralpc.com](mailto:balmoral@balmoralpc.com)  
phone: 901-767-7510  
address: 6413 Quince Road  
Memphis, TN 38119

**Church staff:**  
**Rev Mark Howland**  
pastor  
**Rev Elizabeth Dick**  
parish associate



**Ways to give to the ministries of Balmoral Presbyterian  
Church online....**



Scan this QR Code

**TEXT**  
or **"BALMORAL"**  
to **73256**

**CONTACTS: REV. MARK HOWLAND: [pastormark@balmoralpc.com](mailto:pastormark@balmoralpc.com);  
REV. ELIZABETH DICK: [elizabethdick2@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethdick2@gmail.com)**