



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“Medley”

Noel Wilkins, pianist

***Call to Worship**

Erich Shultz, Liturgist

Leader: Hear this all you who come to this place: Are you tired?

People: Come, find rest.

Leader: Are you grieving?

People: Come, find peace.

Leader: Are you confused by the world?

People: Come, seek the light.

Leader: Are you satisfied?

People: Come, be challenged.

Leader: For the Lord our God is a loving God. God knows our needs before we utter them, and God is fully able to meet them.

All: Come, let us worship God.

***Gathering Song 664**

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and gracious God, you give us every reason to have confidence in you. Still, we are burdened by questions. Where are you calling us to go? From where will our help come? How can your promises be fulfilled? Patient God, we confess our fear and lack of faith in you. We admit our confusion and resistance to your teachings. Open our minds, O God, and open our hearts, that we may know you are faithful and trust your gracious care for us.

(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

“O Come and Mourn”

Hal Hopson

BPC Choir, with Flute: Rachel Randall

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 121

Hebrew Scripture Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Sermon "Look For Healing" Rev. Mark Howland

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

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.

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**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, father almighty, creator of heaven and earth... who forever
sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: We praise you, most holy God... Christ is the bread of life:

**People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death
Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... almighty God, now
and forever.

People: Amen.

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.)*

Communion of God's People

*We participate in Holy Communion by intinction. At the usher's invitation, please
come forward down the center aisle, form a semi-circle in front of the pastor and
ruling elder. The ruling elder will offer you the bread, take a piece and hold it.
Pastor will then come to you with the chalice of grape juice, dip the bread in the
chalice and eat the bread. When all in your group have received the elements, join
hands and remain at the table together for silent prayer. Return to your seats via
the outer aisles when the prayer has ended.*

Prayer after Communion

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

Robin Ashworth (4); 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! Thank you to the Balmoral Choir, directed by Fran Addicott, Noel Wilkins, pianist, guest musician Rachell Randall on flute, and Erich Shultz, 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.
- **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
 - **WRITERS CIRCLE, Monday, March 2, 1:00** in Classroom A
 - **PRESBYTERY MEETING, Tuesday, March 3, 9:30am** at First Presbyterian, Huntingdon, TN
 - **PW BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, March 4, 10:30am** in Classroom A
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING, Wednesday, March 4, 4:00pm** in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP, Thursday, March 5, 10:15am** in Classroom A
 - **COMMON CUP OF JAZZ, Friday, March 6, 6:00** carpool meets from the BPC parking lot, 6:30 Dinner (no charge, donations accepted), 7:00 Jazz at Liberation Community Church (694 South Bellevue)
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, March 8, 9:30am** in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP, Sunday, March 8, 11:00am**
 - **LUNCH WITH MARK, March 8, 12:30pm** in Classroom A
 - **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MARK, Monday, March 9, 6:00pm** in Classroom A
 - **BOOK CLUB, Tuesday, March 10, 1:30 pm** at the home of Jane Schneider , 8487 Lofton 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.***



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