balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

March 15, 2026 | **4th Sunday in Lent** | **11:00am**

Chiming of the Hour — Bells of Balmoral

Welcome & Announcements — Rev Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude — "Were You There" — arr. by Jason W. Krug
Bells of Balmoral

***Call to Worship** — Mary Schmitz, Liturgist

Leader: We look to the Lord our God,
People: The one who offers us mercy and forgiveness.
Leader: We look to the Lord our God,
People: The one who affirms and guides us.
Leader: Our souls yearn for our God.
People: Come, let us worship God.

***Gathering Song 20** — "All Things Bright and Beautiful" — ROYAL OAK

Prayer of Confession

God, our comforter and guide, we confess what comes between you and us. We have been blind to the faults in ourselves that we so readily detect in others: prizing appearance and credentials, and failing to see the heart; rushing headlong into temptation, without thought for what is right; keeping secret what would shame us, if it were known; deny truths voiced by people we disdain. God of light, expose to us our sin, that we confess it and turn from it, and so live in the light of your forgiveness and love.

(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 Sacred Head, Now Wounded" — arr. by Jason W. Krug
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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 23

Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-32

Sermon Walking With the Lord Rev. Mark Howland

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

***Song of Response 835** "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" CLOSER WALK

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.)

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 702** "Christ Be Beside Me" BUNESSAN

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!

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- 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

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 Bells of Balmoral, directed by Lynn Ward, Noel Wilkins, pianist, and Mary Schmitz, 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.
- **FOOD CART FOCUS SUNDAY**: Today is food cart focus Sunday. Thanks to those who brought 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 began 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
  - **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 at Amerigos
  - **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
  - **PW BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, April 1, 10:30am in Classroom A**
  - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING, Wednesday, April 1,** 4:00pm in Classroom A
  - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP, Thursday, April 2,** 10:15am in Classroom A
  - **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**, **Thursday, April 2,** 6:00pm
  - **OFFICE CLOSED, GOOD FRIDAY, Friday, April 3**
  - **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**, **Friday, April 3,** 6:00pm
  - **COMMON CUP OF JAZZ, Friday, April 3,** 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)
  - **HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL, Saturday, April 4,** 8:00am – 5:00pm in the sanctuary
  - **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, April 5,** 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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