

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 1, 2026 (8:00 am & 10:00 am)

The Rt. Reverend Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Reverend Doctor Robin R. Woodberry, Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

Prelude

Grave – Adagio (*Sonata II*) – Felix Mendelssohn

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn No. 473 Lift High the Cross - *Crucifer*

A Penitential Order

BCP p. 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

***People:* His mercy endures for ever**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

**have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.***

The Celebrant stands and says.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy

setting: Swee Hong Lim

Sung through twice

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

Genesis 12:1-4a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 (*spoken at both services*)

Levavi oculos

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written,

“I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn no. LEVAS 208 We’ve Come This Far by Faith (see pages 13 & 14)

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able and together say

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 the People

Leader As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

[*silence*]

Leader Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all creatures that live in them. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnerships and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, and your encouragement to the discouraged, especially; Al Novak, Deacon Peggy Davis, Gloria Duran, Virginia, and Raymond Takach, Jean Pinti, Eric Tracey, Faith Scarmuzzi, Hunter Stringham, and Roger Carnahan. Are there others?

People receive our prayer.

Leader Inspire and empower us to do your work in the world. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our community through the work set before us. Make us faithful, God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints especially, Marge Louff. Are there others? God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made.
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

The Offertory Anthem He Watching Over Israel (*Elijah*) – Felix Mendelssohn

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer EOW 2

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS

St. Bride's Setting

Celebrant and 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.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

The Celebrant continues

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

St. Bride's Setting

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 grant us peace.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

Distribution

All are welcome and invited to the altar rail for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. You may eat the bread and take a sip from the common cup, or you can dip the bread into the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office

Hymn at the Distribution

Lift Thine Eyes (*Elijah*) – Felix Mendelssohn

Post Communion Prayer—*Celebrant and People (stand or kneel)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn No. 636

How firm a foundation - *Foundation*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso (*Sonata II*) – Felix Mendelssohn

Assisting with our Worship:

8am Anne Martin /10am Sandy Schlecht – Lector
8am Kathi Kovacic/10am John Panagis-Lector/Chalice
John Panagis-Prayers of the People
Dan Mason & Joe Yaksich– Ushers
Kathy Hughes-Greeter
8am Jan Henrey & Clare Adams – Altar Guild

10am Kevin Knowlton, Amie Prezioso & Sam Davis – Altar
Amie Prezioso & Sam Davis – Coffee Hour
Sowers Family – Happy Baggers

Leading our Music

The Parish Choir
The Handbell Choir, Jeannine Morris - Director

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We are happy to have you worship with us today! If you are a visitor or would like to know more about the life, work, and ministry of Christ Church, please fill out a “Connect Card” in the pew rack. The greeter in the Narthex will help you complete a “Connect Card”. You can drop the completed card in the offering plate or give it to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. We are glad you are here!

COFFEE HOUR is immediately following the 10 am worship service. Light refreshments are served. Please consider staying after worship for this opportunity of fellowship!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR CHILDREN is held each week during 10 am worship service. We use the Montessori-based curriculum, Godly Play. Interested children (K-5) are welcomed to join in the procession. Children return to the Sanctuary during The Peace so they may join their families for Holy Eucharist.

THE PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS are on Thursdays at 7pm in the choir room. New members are always welcome!

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN’S CLOTHING DRIVE: As part of our children’s ministry’s outreach, we will collect new or gently used children’s Easter clothes each Sunday in Lent. You may deposit them in the narthex in the bins marked “Palm Sunday Clothing Drive”. On Monday of Holy Week, Paul and children will take the clothes to Warren Family Mission to be distributed.

RUMMAGE SALE

Liz Clark advised that rummage sale items can now be brought in and please place them near the handicap door near the parish hall. The rummage sale is May 1 from 8 to 5 and May 2 from 9 to 3. If you are able to help, please let Liz Clark or the office know about it. Keep bringing in your stuff!

DINNER & A MOVIE WITH JESUS

5:30pm Light Supper in the Parish Hall
6:00pm Movie: THE CHOSEN

THE WEEKLY WORKINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Monday, Mar 2	Boy Scouts 5 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm	Parish Hall
Tuesday, Mar 3	AA Meeting 6 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm Happy Baggers to deliver food/clothes to Lincoln 10 am	Parish Hall
Wednesday, Mar 4	Growing Deeper Study & Eucharist 10 am Scotchguard Narthex Carpeting Deadline to submit Bulletin Announcements 12 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm Dinner & a Movie with Jesus, The Chosen 5:30 pm	Chapel Office Narthex
Thursday, Mar 5	Cub Scouts 5 pm Staff Meeting 10 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm	Parish Hall Library Handbell Room Choir Room
Friday, Mar 6	Office Closed	
Saturday, Mar 7	Office Closed Warren Olympic Swim Club Fundraiser 4pm-630pm	Parish Hall
Sunday, Mar 8	Worship 08:00 am Worship 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Office Closed Happy Baggers Packing for Lincoln	Chapel Sanctuary Rm 7 & 9



Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Church Events!

We have some exciting events coming up, and we need your help to make them a success! If you have a heart for serving others and a desire to contribute to our community, we invite you to volunteer for the following opportunities:

1. Easter Egg Hunt: March 28 Community Outreach w/Shining Stars Preschool
Help us make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a fun and memorable experience for our children!
Volunteers are needed to hide eggs, assist with activities, and provide a warm, welcoming environment for families.
2. Vacation Bible School (VBS): June 8, 2026-June 12, 2026 8am til 1pm
VBS is just around the corner, and we're looking for passionate volunteers to help with teaching, crafts, snacks, and games. This is a wonderful opportunity to impact children's lives and share the love of Christ in a fun and engaging way.
3. Fine Arts Camp – June 15th til June 19th, 9am til 1pm

4. Gardening Projects: Our church grounds need some TLC! Whether you have a green thumb or just want to lend a hand, we need volunteers to come alongside the youth and help with maintaining our beautiful garden spaces.

How You Can Help

If you're interested in volunteering for any of these events or would like more information, please contact the Church Office at 330-372-4998 and leave your information, or see Paul Keriotis. Together, we can make these events meaningful and impactful for our community!

We've Come This Far by Faith (LEVAS 208)

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the

Lord; Trust-ing in His ho-ly word,

He's nev-er failed me yet. O

Fine

can't turn a - round. We've come this far by faith.

1. Don't be dis - cour-aged when trou-ble's in your life. He'll bear your

D.S.

bur - dens and move all mis - er - y and strife. That's why we've

2. Just the other day I heard someone say
 He didn't believe in God's word;
 But I can truly say that God had made a way
 And He never failed me yet.
 That's why we've (Refrain)

Let's eat
PANCAKES

WOC and Swim Team Pancake Dinner FUNDRAISER!

March 7, 4-6:30PM

Christ Church, 2627 Atlantic St, Warren, 44483

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Shining Stars

Community Engagement Event!

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9 AM - 1 PM

Pancake Breakfast 9AM - 11AM

FREE BREAKFAST &
PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

Easter Egg Hunts

- ★ 11:30 AM - Under Age 2
- ★ 11:45 AM - Ages 2-3
- ★ 12:00 PM - Ages 4-5
- ★ 12:15 PM - Ages 6-8

Find Eggs with Candy, Trinkets & Tickets
for a Chance to WIN A POWERWHEEL!

Prize Drawing at 12:50 PM!

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