



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

A Matthew 25 and Stephen Ministry Congregation

Service for the Lord's Day with Communion

March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent



Jamie Clay – Dir. of Music Ministries

Rev. Robin Palmer – Pastor

Meleah Shrout - Pianist

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The People Gather and Welcome One Another

[Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. Amen.]

Prelude

Welcome and Invitation to Share Our Life Together

(Please sign & pass the attendance register)

Introit

"Take Time to Be Holy"

George C. Stebbins
arr: Barry Braman
Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

I lift up my eyes to the hills
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn No. 485

"To God Be the Glory"

✠ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you.

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✠ *Rise in body or in spirit*

Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well this Lent desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace.

✠ A Time of Silence for Private Confession

✠ Hymn 2275 in the Sing the Faith Hymnal

“Kyrie”

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -
son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste
e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e
e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e
e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

✠ Congregational Response

“Glory to God”

Canon

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a!

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

Bible Page 10, O.T.

Psalm 121

Bible Page 571, O.T.

Anthem

“Lamb of God, Most Holy”

Nikolaous Decius

Setting by Cathy Moklebus

Handbell Choir

Children’s Time

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

Bible Page 93, N.T.

Sermon

“Born of the Spirit”

Rev. Robin Palmer

Mediative Music

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed – Ecumenical version)

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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 on 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.

✠ Hymn No. 513

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

The Offering

Offertory

✠ Hymn No. 592

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

✠ Offertory Prayer

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
 Gm F Eb F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
 Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 Eb F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F Eb

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Hymn

"Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
Gm F B \flat Cm Gm D E \flat F C

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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The Lord's Prayer (Traditional version)

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The Words of Institution

COMMUNION

[Each serves your neighbor the bread and wine, saying: **"THE BREAD OF HEAVEN"** and **"THE CUP OF SALVATION."** The other responds: **"THANKS BE TO GOD"** or **"AMEN."** The bread is eaten as it is served. Hold the cup so that we may drink together. We eat the bread individually as a symbol of God's grace given to each of us. We drink together as a symbol of our unity in the family of God. NOTE: wine is in the outer row of cups; grape juice is in all others.]

Hymn No. 597

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

✠ Hymn No. 282

"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

✠ Call to Service

Go now in the sure knowledge that God goes with you every step of your journey.

We go to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

Go surrounded by the steadfast and strengthening love of God.

We go in faith to love and to serve God's people wherever we go. Amen.

Benediction

“Thee We Adore“

17th Century French Tune
Setting by Cathy Moglebust
Handbell Choir

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LITURGIST TODAY is Dan Dixon.

SESSION MEETING TODAY immediately after the service.

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH TODAY at Fulin’s Asian Cuisine.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP – Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

***DATE CHANGE* SERVICE PROJECT** - The Congregational Care Team will host a Service Project to make instant soup mixes for Enable of Madison County and food pantries on April 11 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be lunch and a devotional. Registration forms are in the Narthex and sent via Gracelist by Valerie McLaughlin.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – There is a copy of the church directory in the Narthex. Please review your information and make any changes that are needed. Please add your birthday month and day if you’d like to be included in the birthday announcements.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS – Tracey Kennedy – 9th, Susan Marenka – 9th, Emma Claire Saalwaechter – 25th, Paul House – 30th, Rebecca Harbor Jones – 30th. We are so glad you were born. Wonderfully and beautifully made! (birthday dates based on what was provided for the church directory. If you'd like your birthday included, please contact secretary@gracepcusa.org.)

LECTIONARY READINGS for Next Week:

Ex. 17:1-7

Ps. 95

Rom. 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, Mar 1

9:30–10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday School

Worship with Holy Communion (in-person and streamed)*

Session Meeting

Monday, Mar 2

6:30 p.m.

Caregiver Support Group

Tuesday, Mar 3

12:00 p.m.

Al-Anon Meeting (in-person)

Wednesday, Mar 4

6:30 p.m.

Handbell Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar 5

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Barbershop Quartet Rehearsal

Voice Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, Mar 8

9:30–10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday School

Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**

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Grace Presbyterian Church, USA is a Matthew 25 Congregation currently focused on Eradicating Systemic Poverty - one of the Core Pillars. We support the following ministries: Enable of Madison County, Presbyterian Home for Children, and St. Elizabeth Food Bank. The produce from the Harvest of Grace Community Garden is donated to the hungry of Mad County. www.pcusa.org/matthew25

**** Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available upon request. After the service, copies of sermons are available upon request.**

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To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,
But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain on next page ...

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!

3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

knees

Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 282

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Georg Neumark, 1657

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but trust in God- to guide thee, With hope-ful
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer-ful
 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be-tide thee,
 hope, with heart con-tent To take what-e'er thy Keep-er's plea-sure
 own part faith-ful-ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,

To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most
 So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love. Builds on the rock that nought can move.
 wants are clear To One who holds us al - ways dear.
 sook at need The soul se - cured by trust in - deed.