



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, February 18, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

Hymns of Comfort

"Abide with Me," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Arranged by Phillip Keveren

*As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.*

### SILENT MEDITATION

"Lent is a time of growing up in grace and recognizing the grace we see in ourselves. We recognize we are not here because we deserve it, we are here because God has blessed us with another day of life. This is a time of taking off all the extras of our lives and focusing on Jesus Christ, who paid the ultimate price for us. He reminds us that as long as we walk on this side of heaven, there will be troubled times, but we will not stand alone."

J Herbert Nelson, former Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



### CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 25

O God, in you we trust.

**Lead us in your truth and teach us,**

for you are the God of our salvation;

**for you we wait, for you we worship.**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

\*LENTEN HYMN #166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

(\*Please stand if you are able)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you.

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON (#417)

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL



Lord Je-sus, think on me, and purge a-way my sin. From earth-born pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with-in.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN #817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

WELCOME

*During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman*

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 9: 8-17

page 6 of the pew Bible

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Sicut cervus (9:00)

Palestrina

*Psalm 42: As the deer longs for running waters, so my soul longs for you, my God.*

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child (11:10)

arr. Moses Hogan

# PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 9-15

page 812 of the pew Bible

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

SERMON

"No Stranger to Harsh Places"

Dr. Zieman

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Confession of 1967, 9.07

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

**\*SANCTUS (#)**

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (9:00)  
How beautiful are the feet from *Messiah* (11:10)

Philip Stopford  
G.F. Handel

**\*DOXOLOGY (#711)**

Lord of All Good

TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your ho - ly purpose to ful - fill,  
to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new, that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ’s ministry and mission among the poor, the suffering and the destitute. Amen

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Aria on “Earth and All Stars”

Robert Hobby

## SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

<b>Liturgist</b>	Mary Ott, elder on the Worship and Music Committee
<b>Music</b>	9:00 Chamber Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ 11:10 Marietta Morhardt, mezzo soprano; Mark Kanitz, organ
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 Tim Graumann, Captain; Brenda Graumann, Kathy Moore, Cheryl Bedell, Jeff Boyum 11:10 Josh Murray, Captain; Joe Weaver, Sue Kiel, Arlin Kiel
<b>Greeters</b>	North Door: 9:00 Paul and Kathy Nickel 11:10 Sharon and Bill Walsh Welcome Center 9:00 Don and Sharon Igel 11:10 John and Pam Swenson
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Sue Barger
<b>Information Center</b>	9:00 Judy Thomas 11:10 Susan Price
<b>Childcare Ministry</b>	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

**For your convenience during worship:** Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and yellow prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential. Please note: If you would like to have an item included in the Bulletin Announcements, the deadline for submissions is Wednesday night each week. Once an item has been submitted, it will be included automatically until the event has passed. Send your information to [communications@pcoc.us](mailto:communications@pcoc.us). Thank you!

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# Announcements

For the week of February 18, 2024

## The Week Briefly

### Sunday, February 18

#### Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Lenten Study, Children's, Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship
- 4:30 SHF Escape Room
- 4:45 JHF Fellowship

### Monday, February 19

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
- 9:30 Staff Planning Meeting

### Tuesday, February 20

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 5:30 Finance Committee

### Wednesday, February 21

- 5:15 Childrens Choirs
- 5:15 PCOC Book Club
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
- 6:30 Bible Study and Adult Education
- 6:30 Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

### Thursday, February 22

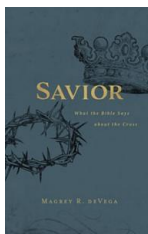
- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 6:00 Carillon Choir

### Sunday, February 25

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Lenten Study, Children's, Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship
- 4:15 JHF Escape Room
- 4:45 SHF Fellowship

## Joys and Concerns.

**Congratulations** to Tim and Brenda Graumann on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Annette Graumann, on February 8, 2024. Parents are Ethan and Kelsey in St. Louis. Flowers this morning are given by Lowell and Donna Wilhite in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



**Lenten Study for 2024.** This year's churchwide Lenten Study begins today. We'll be studying Magrey DeVega's book, *Savior, What the Bible Says about the Cross*. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, we can deepen our love for God and others and strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus. The lists of who is in each small group is posted on the church office windows.

**Give to the "Deacon Envelope" in February.** Did you know that Deacons are not supported by our regular budget? That's why in February, we encourage everyone to make a gift to our Deacons fund. Your faithful support helps ensure that our Deacons may care for each neighborhood, send cards, make visits, prepare and serve funeral luncheons, and organize the Advent Dinner each year. You are welcome to use the envelope that is included with the regular weekly giving envelopes. Or, write "Deacons" on a blue giving envelope (located in the pew racks). Or you may pay online - choose "Deacons Envelope" as the fund.



**Active Minds in February.** Active Minds will be playing the game of Pinochle in February. Please join us in the Lower Level Great Room on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. Coordinator: Earlene Uhrig.





**Order Your Easter Flowers by March 3.** See the order form either online or at the Information Desk. The cost for each plant varies. You may pay online with a credit card using the button on our website or give your payment to the church office. Make checks payable to Presbyterian Church of the Cross. All orders (and payments) must be made by the firm deadline of March 3.

**Give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).** OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This special offering enables us to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Our Sunday School children received their Gracie fish banks today. During Lent, children are encouraged to fill up their banks, and bring them back to church on Easter Sunday, March 31.



**PCOC Book Group on February 21.** PCOC Book Group will meet Wednesday, February 21 in Room 13 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. to review *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact Charlotte Hubbard.

**Deacons Red Cross Blood Drive on March 3.** The Deacons blood drive will be Sunday, March 3 in the lower level Great Room. Help us exceed our goal of 25 pints. You can sign up online at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the drive, too.



**49ERS on March 5.** Our speaker will be Steve Williams, master gardener and retired physician, who has transformed the landscape the size of three football fields along a creek and across the back of nine houses of Omaha's Rockbrook neighborhood. We meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). We order from a special menu provided for our group. Everyone is welcome - whether you are 49, younger, or older - come join us! For reservations and/ or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Sign up in the white binder at the Information Desk.

**Friday Night Gourmet on March 8.** Irene and Bobby Astleford, Cheryl and Rodney Whorlow will be your hosts at Jerico's, 11732 W Dodge Rd. From 6:00 to 6:30 will be our time to gather and socialize, a cash bar is available. Our servers will begin taking dinner orders about 6:30. We will order from a select 4 entrée menu, a baked potato, salad and dinner rolls are included. There will be separate checks with tax and gratuity included. Please sign up at the Information Desk. The last day to sign up will be Monday, March 4th. If you have questions, please contact Irene or Rodney & Cheryl.

**PCOC GALS - Save the Date.** Soup for the Soul Cooking Class with Chef Renee Cornett is coming March 9, at 10:00 a.m. Details coming soon!

**Presbyterian Men on March 16.** – At 10:00 am, PCOC men are invited to attend a tour of Victory Lane, a private automotive condo complex located at 20121 Oak Street. Co-owner Scott Rouse will be our tour guide, an outstanding activity, invite a friend or relative! He will share how the owners envisioned this “man-cave” environment and how it has expanded. Please sign-up at the Information Desk by Sunday, March 10th. Questions? Contact Jon Boomgaarden.

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