



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, February 25, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

Within the Darkest Night

Derek K. Hakes

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

Lent is a season of small deaths for each one of us who chooses to journey on this road to the cross. As we daily let go of something in order to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf, let us contemplate the Sign-giver, who gives his very life. - Pittsburgh Seminary Lenten Guide



Second Sunday in

### CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Mark 8:31-38

Let us not be ashamed of our Savior. Let us sing and praise our God out loud.

**In the midst of the crowd, we will praise you. In our community, we will bear witness to our faith.**

Let us set our minds on divine things.

**Let us take up our cross and follow Christ.**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### \*LENTEN HYMN #220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

(\*Please stand if you are able)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, while on this Lenten journey, we ask ourselves, would we follow you to the cross? Are we, like Peter, putting our own desires and dreams ahead of your call on our lives? God, in our daily lives, we often choose the easy path and fail to listen to your guidance. We often put off caring for the weak or the sick because we are tired. Sometimes we choose self-indulgence instead of giving to those in need. Often, we rush home to our safe space forgetting about those that have lost their homes. God, open our eyes, and help us follow you. Let us see those who suffer and let us bring hope. Let us be agents of your peace. We turn to you now with those silent prayers that we hold in our hearts.

### 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 #829**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

**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 17: 1-7, 15-16

page 11 of the pew Bible

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**ANTHEM**

A Lenten Introspection

Matthew Compton

**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.

## **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 8: 31-38

page 820 of the pew Bible

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

**SERMON**

"The Crosses We Bear"

Dr. Zieman

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1989)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

**\*SANCTUS (#1)**

Holy, Holy, Holy  
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!

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## RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY**

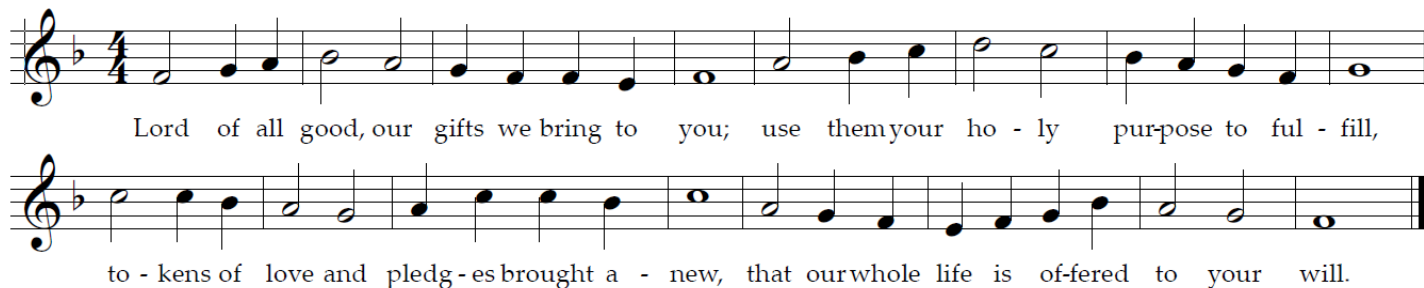
I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

**\*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. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #718**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude on an Original Antiphon

Christopher Uehlein

## SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

<b>Liturgist</b>	Karen Morey
<b>Music</b>	The Carillon Choir, Larry Frederickson, director, Mark Kanitz, organ
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 Darold Bauer, Captain; Mimi Bauer, Mike Shannon, Sherryl Shannon 11:10 Dennis Boesen, Captain; Amy Boesen, Bidong Tot, Alta Empkey
<b>Greeters</b>	North Door: 9:00 Paul and Kathy Nickel 11:10 Tim and Kris Goodman Welcome Center 9:00 Bob and Judy Thomas 11:10 Gena Marks
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Josh Murray
<b>Information Center</b>	9:00 Karen Saunders 11:10 Nancy Koehler
<b>Childcare Ministry</b>	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Pam Otto in memory of Charles and Laura Otto.

**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!

### STAFF

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# Announcements

For the week of February 18, 2024

## The Week Briefly

### Sunday, February 25 Pantry Sunday

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

### Monday, February 26

9 & 11 Music and Movement  
10:00 Tai Chi  
6:30 Session Meeting

### Tuesday, February 27

7:00 Men's Bible Study  
9:30 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Tuesday Study Bunch  
2:00 Active Minds  
6:00 Cross Care

### Wednesday February 28

5:15 Childrens Choirs  
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 29

9 & 11 Music and Movement  
10:00 Tai Chi

### Friday, March 1 & 2

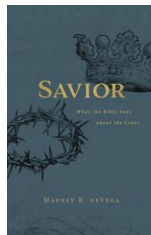
4:30 JHF/SHF Retreat at Calvin Crest

### Sunday, March 3

8-2 Deacon's Blood Drive  
9:00 Worship  
10:00 Lenten Study, Children's, Youth SS Classes  
10:00 Coffee Fellowship  
11:10 Worship  
12:15 APNC Committee

No Youth Fellowship today

**Joys and Concerns.** Former member Mary Pat Caldwell passed away on February 8. Her family is planning a Celebration of Life ceremony this summer.



**Lenten Study for 2024.** This year's churchwide Lenten Study began last week. If you'd like to join a small group, please join the group that meets in the classroom in the Welcome Center. We're 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.

**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 is 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 402-650-5077.

**Easter Flower Deadline is Approaching.** 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.



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

**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.

**Presbyterian Women on March 7.** All church ladies are invited to join us on Thursday, March 7 at 9:30 am in Room 15. Carolyn Will is leading us in Sacred Encounters Lesson 7, "An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus."

**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 (402) 334-0784 or Rodney & Cheryl (402) 981-8245.

**PCOC GALS – Saturday March 9.** Soup for the Soul Cooking Class with chef Renee Cornett on Saturday March 9 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sign up online! Questions? Contact Staci Voss at [csvoss@cox.net](mailto:csvoss@cox.net).

**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 402-981-7164 or [jonboomgaarden@cox.net](mailto:jonboomgaarden@cox.net)

**Zoo Day on March 16.** On March 16 at 9:00 a.m. we will be meeting at the Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium for a time in enrichment. We will work on Easter projects and then those who attend may visit the zoo. This is our second outing to assist the zoo in enrichment projects for the zoo staff. There is a 20 person limit so make sure to RSVP to Sandi Stuckey at [sandi\\_stuckey@yahoo.com](mailto:sandi_stuckey@yahoo.com). This is a great opportunity to meet other PCOC families and enjoy the zoo!

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