

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful;
The Lord God
made them all.

How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures...
living things both large and small.

PSALM 104:24-25 (niv[®])



Mary, Guest Speaker
Craig, Liturgist
Linden, Organist

February 22, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Matthew 4:1-11 (pg 3 [3 LP] NT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Season of Lent lays as a journey before us.

People: **Too many journeys! Too much to do! Life is going so fast I can't let go of the path I'm on!**

Leader: The Season of Lent leads us to the glorious celebration of Easter.

People: **Oh, don't remind me; Easter will be here all too soon! I'll never be ready! Another knot to untwist to know what to do!**

Leader: The Season of Lent is not another "task," not another burden to add to our "load." It's an invitation to open our hearts to God, anytime, anywhere, *especially* in the midst of all we do – in the midst of all we bear!

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, and in these moments of worship loosen our grip upon all we do. Help us discover *Life* kept by you! Amen.**

*HYMN #8

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious God, draw us to yourself in this time of confession.

Quiet our minds that are racing over a myriad of thoughts. Lay your calming hand upon our hearts that are stirred by longings we don't know how to fulfill. Renew within us the possibility that this journey with you is our pathway for life – life that comes with the ever-present assurance of your presence and care. Hear us as we come to you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 4 (pg 490 [603 LP] OT)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9: 1-7 (pg. 638 [780 LP]OT)

GOSPEL LESSON

Philippians 2: 5-11(pg.197[240 LP]NT)

SERMON

"The Cradle to the Cross"

Mary, Guest Speaker

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #81

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Light Your Journey with Jesus' words

Anita

I am the Bread of Life

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

(pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(*Continue on back*)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

(pg 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #326

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*BLESSING

Postlude

Linden

For the week beginning February 22, 2026

GREETERS: Mark and Kathy

PRAYER FAMILY: Kim

ELDER for the Month: Connie

Mon: Food Pantry Set-Up 9:00 a.m.

Tue Office Hours - 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Food Pantry Set Up

Wed Office Hours - 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Food Pantry - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

REPORTS DUE TO JUDY FOR SESSION

Thurs Office Hours - 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Finance Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Next

Sun 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (No Communion)

Laura, President of the

Dr. Lyle Renodin Foundation, Guest Speaker

Lenten Soup & Study following worship

Liturgist: Judy

Greeters: Cori

FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT

Rev. Bruce at 716-378-6773 or

Judy 716-933-6303





"Soup and Study"



4 week Lenten Gathering; March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

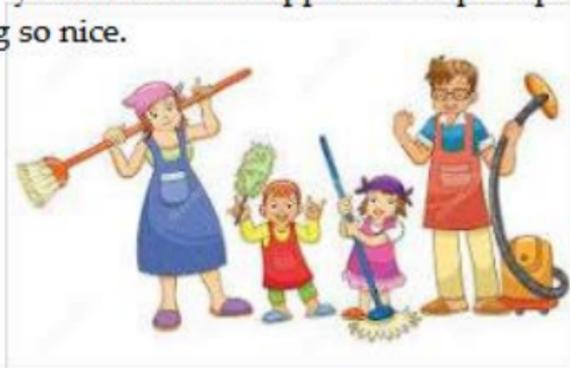
Sundays after worship. It will include a light lunch of soup and bread. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those interested in providing soup or bread/rolls.

MAR/APR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TODAY!

The March Worship Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet is located in the Narthex. We still have a few open spots available!

We are currently collecting EGG NOODELS for the Portville Community Food Pantry.

SANCTUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE: The new 2026 Sanctuary Cleaning Schedule is posted in the Quilt Room. Please consult the list to have the cleaning done for the Sunday date near your name. You may trade dates. Phone numbers are in the Directory. Thank you for volunteering and for your continued support to help keep our church looking so nice.



Thank you for your donations to our Souper Bowl of Caring mission project!!



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