

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:



*The Lord God*  
made them all.

Elizabeth, Guest Speaker  
Craig, Liturgist  
Julie, Music Tech

March 8, 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

*The Church Gathers to Worship*

\*Those who wish may stand.

MEDITATIVE READING

*Romans 5:1-11*(pg. 155 [188 LP] NT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Was there time for the *journey* this week – the Lenten journey? In the midst of doctor appointments and birthdays and work, where did you find time to think about God?

People: I thanked God right at the beginning; for a safe journey home on Sunday; for the opportunity to go to a doctor; for the love and relationship I know in life.

Leader: In the midst of going to work; running with the kids; being tested by slippery roads and sleepless nights, did a “Lenten” thought ever cross your mind?

People: I prayed for a co-worker in distress; thanked God for my kids; was grateful for the beauty I saw in the snow; kept a favorite Psalm nearby as I *rested* in the night.

All: Life-with-God is life! – everyday all-the-time life. Lent is not a journey kept apart. Lent is tied fast to all our coming and going, a part of all we think and do.

\*HYMN #473

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Dear Lord who calls us, watches over us, who sees the way before us; we confess we can get so *caught up* in our daily routine that we lose sight of whose we are. Help us to again listen for your voice within. Give us hearts to embrace your daily care. Touch our lives in such a way that we experience a growing trust in you. 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 95* (pg. 550 [676 LP] OT)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 27:5-17* (pg. 23 [28 LP] OT)

GOSPEL LESSON *John 4:5-42* (pg. 94[115 LP] NT)

SERMON Elizabeth

*To Respond in Faith*

\*HYMN #280 "*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*"

LIGHT YOUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS' WORDS  
"I am the Gate" Emily

MINUTE FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
Julie

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

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (pg. 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(*continue on back*)

*To Serve in Love and Hope*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #426

*"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"*

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*For the week beginning March 8, 2026*

Greeters: Norm and Connie  
Prayer Family: Kari and Tim  
Elder: Terry

Office Hours:   Tues.  3/10 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
                      Wed.   3/11– 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
                      Fri.    3/13 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Next

Sun 3/15 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School classes  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Lenten Soup & Study after Worship  
Guest Speaker: Elizabeth  
Liturgist: Amy  
Elder: Terry  
Greeters: Terry and Judy

**HEARING ENHANCERS** are available in the Narthex.

**FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT**



Rev. Bruce at 716-378-6773 or  
Judy at 716-933-6303



**Easter Flower Order Forms** are in your insert. All orders are due by Sunday, March 22nd. Please make sure to note your flower color preference, if applicable, and make your check payable to the church. Thank you, Judy

We are currently collecting **TUNA** for the Portville Community Food Pantry.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

*"What does the Lord require of you"? to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8*

PC(USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Your gifts to the OGHs offering supports the causes of hunger and poverty alleviation, disaster relief, community development, climate change, and immigration/migration and refuge advocacy. This year's goal is \$1,000.00. The official collection will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday. As you always do, please consider giving generously for...*as we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Thank you!*



We will be having a movie event at the church on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 – 4 pm. We'll be showing the animated film 'King of Kings'. Everyone in the congregation is welcome.

**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.



### Calendar of Events for Lent:

Wed., Feb. 18	<i>Ash Wednesday Service</i> with the disposition of ashes 7:00 pm
Sunday, Feb. 22	<i>First week of Lent</i> Worship 10:00 am <i>No Soup and Study</i>
Sunday, Mar. 1	<i>Second week of Lent</i> , Worship 10:00 am Soup and Study after worship
Sunday, Mar. 8	<i>Third week of Lent</i> , Worship 10:00 am Soup and Study after worship
Sunday, Mar. 15	<i>Fourth week of Lent</i> , Worship 10:00 am Soup and Study after worship
Sunday, Mar. 22	<i>Fifth week of Lent</i> , Worship 10:00 am Soup and Study after worship
<b>Passion Week:</b>	
Sunday, Mar. 29	<i>Palm Sunday</i> with distribution of palms during Worship 10:00 am
Thursday, April 2	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Maundy Thursday potluck dinner, 5:00 pm
Friday, April 3	<i>Good Friday</i> Sanctuary Open 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for quiet reflection and prayer
Sunday, April 5	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Sunrise Service in Portville Cemetery, 6:45 am Breakfast at Sprague's Restaurant to follow Worship and communion Service, 10:00 am