



TRUTH SHALL SPRING OUT OF THE EARTH.

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Mary, Ruling Elder  
Craig, Liturgist  
Linden, Organist

March 22, 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

*The Church Gathers to Worship*

*\*Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Romans 8:6-11(pg. 157 [191 LP] NT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This life of faith comes with worry;

People: The disciples said to Jesus: "Rabbi, it's too dangerous to go there."

Leader: This life of faith comes with questions;

People: Mary said to Jesus: "Lord, where have you been?"

Leader: This life of faith comes with commitment;

People: Thomas said to Jesus: "We're coming to die with you!"

Leader: This life of faith comes with inspiration;

People: Martha said to Jesus: "Yes, Lord, I believe you are the Christ."

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord whose steadfast love sustains *this life of faith* – yours and mine!

\*HYMN #179

*"God Is My Strong Salvation"*

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Dear God, we bow before you with the prayer on our lips that our lives are given to you; that you open our minds so that we may understand the gift of life kept with you; that you open our hearts that we might be filled with your own timeless love for others. Help us hear what we say, Lord. Bring us to believe what we pray in such a way that our lives are changed here – each one of us in some way – changed as your Spirit touches the truth of your word to a need in our souls. 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 122* (pg 571 [702 LP] OT)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 2:1-5* (pg. 631 [773 LP] OT)

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 25:34-46* (pg 29 [35 LP] NT)

SERMON "God's Wish List" Mary

*To Respond in Faith*

\*HYMN #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Light your journey with Jesus' words Kari

"I am the Way, the Truth and the 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

OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*To Serve in Love and Hope*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(continue on back)

\*HYMN #366

*"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"*

\*BLESSING

Postlude

Linden

*For the week beginning March 22, 2026*

GREETERS: Buffy and Eva  
PRAYER FAMILY: Mary and Steve  
ELDER for the Month: Terry

|       |                    |                        |
|-------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Mon.  | Office Hours       | 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. |
|       | Food Pantry Set up | 9:00 am                |
| Tue.  | Office Hours       | 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. |
| Wed   | Office Hours       | 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. |
|       | Food Pantry        | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| Thurs | Office Closed      |                        |
| Fri   | Office Closed      |                        |

Next

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Palm Sunday  
Guest Speaker: Marcia  
Liturgist: Buffy  
Greeters: Mark and Kathy

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

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

The **April Worship Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet** is located in the Natrthex. Please consider signing up to help with our service!

The **Easter Flower Order Form** is in your bulletin. Order forms, along with payment, are due to Judy **TODAY**. Please make checks out to **First Presbyterian Church of Portville**. Thank you!

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



# Lenten Soup and Study

*Please join us today after worship for Lenten Soup and Study.*

## MOVIE EVENT TODAY

2-4 PM

- *Popcorn, Drinks, Candy!*
- *Showing- \*King of Kings\**
- *All Are Welcome*

*OGHS OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Pew.*

### SPECIAL MISSION HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

*We are collecting  
NEW and/or  
GENTLY USED SWEATPANTS*

*for children (pre K. and up) sizes 4, 5, & 6 to donate to the  
school nurse at Portville Central for student emergencies.*



*It has been wonderful having Linden here with us playing the organ each week! Unfortunately, his semester will be ending soon, and we need people to help run the pre-recorded hymns on the organ during worship while Linden is gone over the summer. Julie is more than happy to train anyone interested in learning. She can be contacted at (716) 378-9434. If Judy E. can do it YOU can do it!*

## LENT – EASTER OPPORTUNITIES



- Devotional Materials  
in Quilt Room
- Lenten Soup n' Study today after worship.
- Palm Sunday Service on March 29<sup>th</sup> with  
distribution of Palms during Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at  
5:00 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sanctuary Open 12:00 p.m.  
to 3:00 p.m. for quiet reflection and prayer
- Easter Sunrise Celebration on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 a.m. at  
**Chestnut Hill Cemetery**  
(Breakfast at Sprague's following)
- Easter Worship Service on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

## 2026 Easter Flowers Order Form

| Description   | Qty | Price          | Total |
|---|-----|----------------|-------|
| Lilies  |     | \$21<br>6" pot |       |
| Mums <u>circle color preference:</u><br>yellow, white, purple, lavender |     | \$7<br>4½" pot |       |
| Tulips <u>circle color preference:</u><br>red, pink, yellow, purple     |     | \$16<br>6" pot |       |
| Hyacinths <u>circle color preference:</u><br>blue, pink, white          |     | \$16<br>6" pot |       |
| Daffodils   |     | \$16<br>6" pot |       |

Orders are due, with payment, by Sunday, March 22nd.

Please make checks payable to the church.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick my flowers up following  
worship on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please plant my flowers in the  
church garden.