

March 1, 2026
2nd Lent
Holy Communion



Prayer of Preparation

Austyne Thomas

*We have come to the crossroads, and I must either leave or come with you,
I lingered over the choice. But in the darkness of my doubts, you lifted the
lamp of love and I saw in your face the road that I should take.*

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

Do we dare place our trust in God?

God has promised to be with us to guide us.

Are we willing to continue on the journey when we don't know the dangers and are not sure of the destination.

No matter what, God is with us. That's the promise and the hope.

Let us step forward boldly, listening for God's call in our lives.

Let us place our trust in God always. Amen.

***Hymn**

*I Will Come to You
You Are Mine*

GTG 177

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. We stand at a crossroad, looking back at paths we should not have taken and forward to decisions we cannot make alone. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said that new life is possible. Forgive us for our fear, our selfishness, and our smallness of faith. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Hebrew Scriptures Genesis 12:1-4 Liturgist
Source: New International Version

Anthem *The Long and Winding Road* Lennon/McCartney
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17 Pastor Eddie
Source: New International Version

Reflection Standing at a Crossroad

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

Prayers of the People of God: Joys and Hopes

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory *Let All Things Now Living* GTG 37

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** G. W. Dub Shepherd
Tune: Old Hundredth Louis Bourgeois

Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist
May the privileged always share with the forgotten, may the powerful learn the grace of humility, and may our generosity reveal our gratitude for all the blessings we have been given so we can share them with others. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn of Invitation** *Sanctuary*
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with Thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer Liturgist
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise...Great is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted. And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we pray the way your son, our Lord and Savior taught us to pray... “Our Father...”

The Words of Institution & Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Communion Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Follow God’s Word into the World

***Hymn**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

GTG 835

***Benediction**

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven,

Next Week’s Liturgist: Marlene Quinn

Charles Converse

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Eddie Jusino

Music: David Libby

Parish Associate: Rev. Marjorie Egger

Vocalists: Tina Marie Casamento

Ushers: Jim Miller and Greg Estes

The Westminster Choir

Liturgist: Betty Jean Schwarz

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE- Join us directly after worship for this important Biblical ministry. Members are welcome to host on an open Sunday or contribute items to any Sunday hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

March 8- Salad Sunday

March 15- Open for Hosting

March 22- MOC Hosting

March 29- Open for Hosting

HOME COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE- served at your home the first Sunday of each month by our Home Communion Ministry team. Please contact Carol Pillsbury at 609-902-9024 or carolpillsbury1@gmail.com if you wish to have Home Communion.

-----SEASON OF LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER-----

THE LENT 2026 BOOK STUDY – Meeting Jesus on the Road by Cynthia M.

Campbell & Christine Coy Fohr Feb. 25 – April 1- Join Pastor Eddie for this weekly book study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sessions will be hybrid – in person and Zoom. Check the Back of the Bulletin for details, the Zoom link, and schedule.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY- SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AT 10:00 A.M. – This is the celebrated entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem through the eyes of the three Marys. By the end of that week, Jesus was betrayed and crucified. Palm/Passion Sunday invites us to be the unique person God has created us to be, regardless of how the pressure of family, friends, and society might try to crucify us. “We are not here to conform to the world. We are here to transform the world.” (Romans 12:2)

TAIZÉ, SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS, MAUNDY THURSDAY & HOLY COMMUNION, APRIL 2 AT 6:00 P.M. – Taizé services feature short scripture readings accompanied by simple contemplative, repetitive song/prayers that trace the story of Christ’s passion- his betrayal at the Passover meal to the denials and false accusations, to his mockery of a trial. Six candles will be extinguished following each reading, dramatizing the diminishing of Christ’s light and life. We will also celebrate the ritual of Christ’s foot washing of the disciples by handwashing, and the Lord’s Supper. If you will be participating via livestream, please make sure you have a candle representing the Christ Candle, a piece of bread and cup of juice with you along with a bowl of water and a hand towel. **A humble Lenten meal of soup and bread will be hosted by the Fellowship Team Ministry at 5:00 p.m. RSVP required due to space. Call the Church Office at (302) 227-2109.**

TAIZÉ TENEBRAE – GOOD FRIDAY – THE SERVICE OF THE NAILS, APRIL 3 AT 5:00 P.M. – The term “Good” is derived from an obsolete word meaning pious/holy. The Service of the Nails is a series of readings, short meditative songs, silent reflection and prayer designed to help us enter more deeply into the meaning of Good Friday. The drama in this service comes from the actions called at each scripture reading where everyone is invited to take a nail from a basket and approach a life-size wooden cross and pound a spike into the Cross or by dropping the nail into the tin metal basket. The pounding sound of the spike or the clang of the nail against the metal basket will remind us of our own brokenness as victims and perpetrators of sin, but also of our need for the healing power of God’s amazing grace and redemptive love offered through the cross.

EASTER RESURRECTION DAY & HOLY COMMUNION, APRIL 5 AT 10:00 A.M. - On Easter, we glimpse a new landscape — the age to come — and experience a sense of holy awe at the significance of the resurrection that asserts that by grace we are born again into the new humanity of Jesus Christ- a new life for God and for neighbors. In a world yearning for Good News, what a spirit-filled way to rise and shine with family and friends- singing, praying and giving thanks to God for the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love. As we celebrate the Lord’s Supper with common bread and cup, we open ourselves to become the Beloved Community. At Westminster Presbyterian Church -the Little Church by the Sea- of Rehoboth Beach, we know that this is not our table, but it is Christ’s table where all are welcome! A special offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing will be received.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Grieving/Mourning:

Jim Gillespie- has passed peacefully from this life to more life. Services at Parsell's Funeral Home and WPC will be rescheduled in March.

Russell Stevens- (Alan Steven's brother) died after a very short illness. Prayers for Alan and Gail as well as Russell's family.

Surgery/Post Surgery:

George Aridas- (Cheryl's husband) is recovering from knee surgery.

Safety:

Deb & Jess- (Marlene and Mike Quinn's cousin's daughter) live in Minneapolis on a work visa and are very afraid of the current community disturbances caused by ICE presence and actions.

For ALL families and individuals across our country feeling a heaviness of heart at the current climate of our country.

Ailing:

Jane Nicholson- fell and broke her hip. She is at Exelcare in Lewes.

Arthur McKenzie- (Lois Ford's Dad) is adjusting well to his new assisted living facility and taking part in activities.

Paul Shivers- (friends of Betty Jean and Blaine Schwarz) has been diagnosed with a brain disorder.

Jackie Sapio- completed her radiation therapy and is now undergoing chemo transfusions.

Mary Shea- (close friend of Don Smith) completed her round of chemotherapy.

Leah Christenson- (friend of Charlotte Jacobs and John Still) has stage 4 liver cancer and is in hospice care.

Pat Dickinson- (friend of John and Silvia) is having major complications with her health.

Gail Stevens- had extensive oral surgery on Feb. 24th and is home recovering.

Sherry Schnepfe- is at Beebe hospital.

Prayer request from a visitor:

Edward Newburn- Please pray for Ann, for improved health and clarity on a health plan going forward, and Sydney, to open doors as her career unfolds.

Legacy Members/Aging with Grace:

Betty Carnahan, Mable Granke, Barbara Miller, Barbara Morgan, John & Pat Mossel, Bob & Jane Nicholson, Esther Lebegern, Sarah Ortolani, Mimi Peters, Joan and Ernesto Velez and Don Foraker.



Vision- Aspire To Be:

A welcoming and loving congregation where everyone who gathers matters and belongs.

Mission:

- Spirit-Led: Listening, Loving, and Serving
- Faithful: Guided
- Missional: Active
- Welcoming: Embracing All
- Joy-filled: Celebrating God

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