

2nd Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025

Prayer of Preparation

Thomas Merton

What is the use of prayer if at the very moment of prayer, we have so little confidence in God that we are busy planning our own kind of answer to prayer?

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Stand in Body or Spirit*

Gathering Music

We Gather Together

Adrianus Valerius
(Dutch Folk Tune)

Welcome & Life in the Church

Pastor Eddie

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

When the world around me is disturbing, where do I turn?

The psalmist says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

When I am afraid, what can I count on?

"The Lord is a fortress protecting my life."

We gather in the light of God's protection.

We come to pray, praise and sing. Come, let us worship God together!

***Hymn**

Lead Me, Guide Me

GTG 740

***Confessing our Separation from God** (unison)

Liturgist

Loving Protector, in times of chaos, we can be startled by sudden declarations, distracted by claims of solutions to problems. Forgive us, God, for our wandering from you. Forgive us when our own fears draw other people's attention away from you. Help us to act, not from anxiety, but from faith in your certain presence. Help us to slow down and recognize you within and around us. 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 of the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Hebrew Scriptures Genesis 15:1-6 Liturgist

Anthem *You'll Never Walk Alone* Rodgers & Hammerstein
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Psalm 27 Liturgist
Source: The New International Version

Reflection Remain Confident Pastor Eddie

We Respond to God's Word

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

**Prayers of the People of God –
Joys and Hopes and the Lord's Prayer** Pastor Eddie

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory: *Sing to Praise to God, You Heavens!* GTG 17

***Lenten Doxology** G.W. Shepherd
Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God through-out 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

Generous God, as we travel this Lenten journey, allow us to walk beside Jesus as he makes his journey into Jerusalem. As we offer our gifts this morning, may it be our way of saying we won't turn away from the problems and conflicts of this world; but like Jesus, we will walk towards them. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care – to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation. We journey in Christ's steps and pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

The Glory of These Forty Days

GTG 165

***Benediction**

Postlude

Next Week's Liturgist: Dave Norton

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Adele Hudson Trout

Ushers: Greg Estes and Jim Miller

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members' Welcome

Monday, March 17, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Please join Pastor Eddie and Session Members
for an introduction and informational discussion for new members.
(light refreshments will be provided)

Installation of New Members
Sunday, March 30 (during worship)

New Membership forms are available in the Narthex or contact
Silvia Ritchie at 302-604-9529 or by email silaxritchie@gmail.com

2025 LENTEN STUDY

We may have many reasons to study the psalms, yet rarely do we explore psalms of lament. Why offer a study on laments? Given the state of the world – war, natural disasters, climate change, famine, hate, suffering, and injustices – I’ve been thinking about studying them as a way to give voice to our individual and collective grievances with God.

Come and join Pastor Eddie each Wednesday, through April 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall starting at 10 a.m. through 11:15 a.m. Remember, you are welcome and encouraged to bake and share your favorite treat. Coffee and hot tea are on the house.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, MARCH 5 – APRIL 20, 2025

Westminster PC’s annual support of the PC/USA’s “One Great Hour of Sharing” benefits our worldwide neighbors in need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. To learn more about how your gift makes a difference and how to contribute, a Minute for Mission will be shared. **IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1st Thessalonians 5:16, NIV). Praying is like knocking at a door of opportunity and blessing until it opens. Be mindful that there are prayers for which no answer has yet arrived. Still pray. Still stand at the door. Still knock.

Surgery/Post Surgery

Marylea Franz – at home recovering from colonoscopy. Please, keep Phil in prayer too.

Paul Russer – knee replacement (Rita Russer’s spouse. friends of the church)

Ailing:

Betty Jean Schwarz – flu

Phyllis Fulton - end of life (Mike Quinn's sister)

Dee Austin - medical tests and relocating to Newark at end of March

Eleanor Marchtmon - heart complication, at Jefferson Memorial ICU

Leah Christenson – liver cancer, old friend of Charlotte Jacobs and John Still

Jackie Sapio – ankle MRI and cataract surgery

Donna Blake – inoperable brain tumor (non-cancerous), neighbor of the Hrins.

Mourning/Grieving

The Smith/Hutchins - family loss of loved one (Kay Rotach's friends)

Jason Dwulet - moved from this life to More Life (school friend of Jason Schwarz)

Legacy Members/Aging with Grace

**Betty Carnahan, Mable Granke, Hull McLean & Barbara Miller, Joe & Barbara Morgan,
John & Pat Mossel, Bob & Jane Nicholson, Sarah Ortolani and Mimi Peters**