

March 8, 2026
3rd Lent
Legacy Sunday
Welcome: Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley



Prayer of Preparation

Psalm 23:1 (NIV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want...

Gathering in the Presence of God

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

Gathering Music

Welcome

Minute for Fellowship

Nametags

Pam Jusino

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

(Source: A Wee Worship Book, Fourth Incarnation, Morning Liturgy A. 1999.)

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now among us, besides us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

***Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory (v.1,2,3)

GTG 307

***Confessing Our Separation from God** (responsively)

Liturgist

Source: Joanna Harader

Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

To serve each other in love and humility.

To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.

Turn our hearts when we act in folly.

Restore our energy when it is gone.

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. 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 Scripture Jeremiah 31:31-34 Liturgist
(Source: The New Revised Standard Version)

Anthem *All Good Gifts* Stephen Schwartz
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection God's Legacy of Love Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley
(Based on the Gospel of John 1:1-5
Source: New Revised Standard Version)

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Love to Tell the Story (v.2&3)* GTG 462

2. I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat,
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

**Prayers of the People of God - Joys and Hopes &
The Lord's Prayer**

The Act of Gratitude
Offertory

O Word of God Incarnate

GTG 459

***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

Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands, and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeatable gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so, we who are the gifts of creation now bring gifts of love. May we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times – the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable – yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

The Glory of These Forty Days

GTG 165

***Benediction**

Postlude

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Music: Jessie

Next Week's Liturgist: Fred Paleen

Seymour Irvine

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Eddie Jusino

Music: David Libby

Parish Associate: Rev. Marjorie Egger

Vocalists: Tina Marie Casamento

Ushers: Nancy Tompkins & Silvia Ritchie

The Westminster Choir

Liturgist: Beth Schmit

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 15- Fellowship Hosting

March 22- MOC Hosting

March 29- Open for Hosting

April 5- 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.

MEN'S GROUP LUNCH - Join the WPC Men's Group on the 2nd Thursday of each month (next gathering March 12) in the WPC Fellowship Hall Conference Room for a Men's lunch gathering from noon to 1:30 p.m. Contact Jerry Egger at revgeraldegger@gmail.com with your interest or questions.

-----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. – Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, commemorates the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus’ final entry into Jerusalem.

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. **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.

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.

-----INTERFAITH COMMUNITY EVENT-----

PASSOVER FOR ALL MARCH 29 AT 6:30 P.M. - A very special evening is planned for LRAC congregations on March 29. Larry Stollar, of Seaside Jewish Community, will lead those gathered through the Haggadah, or the “narration” of the story of the Passover. This is a great opportunity to experience the wonder and history of the Passover celebration. Learn the importance and relevance to the Jewish faith through the ages. This celebration will take place at Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, beginning at 6:30 p.m., on Sunday, March 29. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 25 by contacting David Garrett, Chair of LRAC Interfaith Committee, at dlgarrett4rb@gmail.com.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Grieving/Mourning:

Jim Gillespie- has passed peacefully from this life to more life. Services have been rescheduled for Mon. March 16- Prayer Service at Parsell Funeral Home from 3-5p.m. and Tue. March 17- Memorial Service at WPC at 11a.m. followed by Fellowship & Hospitality.

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 Excelcare 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) started her second 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.

Sherry Schnepfe- is at Excelcare in Lewes.

Greg Estes- requests prayer for his treatment for spinal arthritis.

Prayer request from friends and visitors:

Paul Russer- (husband of Rita Russer)- had successful knee surgery, but is now experiencing back problems and **Danny Russer** (son) is waiting for biopsy results from his neck.

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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Easter Lily Order Form

Let's decorate the Church with lilies!

The cost this year is \$20. Order yours by March 15

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Buy a beautiful Easter Lily plant for you or a neighbor or make it a donation for Church decorations. The Easter Lily cost this year is \$20.00 per plant. Deadline for ordering is March 15. Please complete the order form below.

NUMBER of plants or donation @ \$20.00 _____ for a total of \$ _____
(Cash or check payment **MUST** accompany your order). Check should be payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Please remember to pick-up your flowers on Sunday, April 5 after the Easter service.

Please list below the person(s) in whose honor or memory you are placing your gift. Print the name(s) as you would like it to appear in the Easter bulletin.

In honor
of: _____

OR

In memory
of: _____