



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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II Samuel 11:1

**THE LORD'S DAY  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 8, 2026 - 10:45 AM**

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – “Gavotte”.....William Boyce

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Voice: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.

**All Voices: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty.**

One Voice: For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.

**All Voices: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all.**

One Voice: Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all.

**All Voices: In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. Let us worship the Lord our King!**

CONVENING PRAYER

\*HYMN – “He is Exalted”

F F/A Bb  
 He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high; I will  
 Bb/C C7 F F/A Bb C/Bb  
 praise him. He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will  
 Bb/C C Dsus D Gm Dm/F C/E Bb/C  
 praise his name! He is the Lord; for -  
 F Am Bb F/A Gm Dm/F C/E Bb/C F Am  
 ev - er his truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re - joice in his ho - ly  
 Bb F/A Gm7 Gm7/F Eb Bb/C F  
 name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

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**Repeat**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and righteous God,  
we confess that we are more like David than we care to admit.  
When we have power, we misuse it.  
When we desire, we justify it.  
When we sin, we hide it.**

**We have been silent when we should have spoken.  
We have looked the other way when we should have turned away.  
We have convinced ourselves that what is secret does not matter.**

**Yet nothing is hidden from You.**

**Search us, O God, and know our hearts.  
Expose what we try to bury.  
Break our pride before our sin breaks others.**

**Have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.  
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
and restore to us the joy of Your salvation.**

**Through Jesus Christ, who bore our sin  
and makes all things new.  
Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE – "Glorify Thy Name"**

C F/C C G7 F/G G7 C2 C Em7 C/E

1 Fa - ther, we love you, we wor-ship and a - dore you, glo - ri - fy thy  
 2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor-ship and a - dore you, glo - ri - fy thy  
 3 Spir - it, we love you, we wor-ship and a - dore you, glo - ri - fy thy

F C/G F/A Gsus G C F

name in all the earth; glo - ri - fy thy name,

E7sus D2/F# E7/G# Am F G/F F/A G7sus G7 F/A G7 F/C C

glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

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CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....Diane Curtis

CHOIR ANTHEM – .....Chancel Choir  
 "Jesus Died Alone".....Joel Raney

## SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Tim Eckhardt

HOLY SCRIPTURE

PREACHING TEXT

Preaching Text - II Samuel 11:1-12:14

<sup>1</sup> In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup> And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" <sup>4</sup> So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup> And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup> So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing and how the people were doing and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup> When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing." <sup>12</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

<sup>13</sup> And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk. And in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die." <sup>16</sup> And as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant men. <sup>17</sup> And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite also died. <sup>18</sup> Then Joab sent and told David all the news about the fighting. <sup>19</sup> And he instructed the messenger, "When you have finished telling all the news about the fighting to the king, <sup>20</sup> then, if the king's anger rises, and if he says to you, 'Why did you go so near the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?' <sup>21</sup> Who killed Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'"

<sup>22</sup> So the messenger went and came and told David all that Joab had sent him to tell. <sup>23</sup> The messenger said to David, "The men gained an advantage over us and came out against us in the field, but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate. <sup>24</sup> Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall. Some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." <sup>25</sup> David said to the messenger, "Thus shall you say to Joab, 'Do not let this matter displease you, for the sword devours now one and now another. Strengthen your attack against the city and overthrow it.' And encourage him."

<sup>26</sup> When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. <sup>27</sup> And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him.

<sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” <sup>5</sup> Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, <sup>6</sup> and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ <sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die.”

One Voice:      The word of the Lord!

**All Voices:      Thanks be to God**

SERMON – .....Brian Devereaux

PASTORAL PRAYER with The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING - God's Tithes/Our Offerings

OFFERTORY- "Andante Religioso" .....F. Thome

\*DOXOLOGY – "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN – “Fairest Lord Jesus”

> 1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus; Rul - er of all na - ture, O Thou of  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows; Fair - er still the wood - lands, Robed in the  
 > 3. Fair is the sun - shine; Fair - er still the moon - light And all the  
 > 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions! Son of

God and man the Son. Thee will I cher - ish; Thee will I  
 bloom - ing garb of spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 twin - kling star - ry host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

hon - or, Thou my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown. *Optional*  
 pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing. *transition to*  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels heav'n can boast. *"More Precious*  
 ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine! *than Silver"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE – “Postlude in G Minor” .....F. Walczynski

*\*Congregation Standing*

Director of Music Ministries  
Randall Curtis



**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** this morning are dedicated to  
the glory of God in loving memory of  
Philip C. Berryhill October 5, 1947 ~ February 11, 2026

**SERVING TODAY** in the church nursery (infant and toddler childcare)

10:45 AM – Ericka Dershimer & Nancy Hoffacker

**NEXT SUNDAY** 10:45 AM – Jamie Ickes family

**GREETING TODAY** John Russell

**NEXT SUNDAY** Michelle Harris

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST REMINDER**

Join us for food, faith and fellowship March 14, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome no cost to attend!



### **GOOD SHEPHERD EASTER REQUEST**

We have been asked to supply boxes of mashed potatoes to help with the distribution of Easter holiday food bags. Thank you for helping to join forces in lending a helping hand. The deadline for the collection is **Sunday, March 22.**

### **GOOD SHEPHERD MEAL MONDAY, MARCH 16TH**

Opportunities are still available to help. Please check out the sheets in the rear vestibule if you are interested. Thank you!

**VBS Decorating Volunteer Needed.** We will gather again on Friday, March 13 at 10:00am in the Men's Den and conclude at noon. If you can cut with scissors and/or color we can use your skills. We conclude at noon. Anyone who would like to stay for lunch following the session is more than welcome to join us. Additional decorating dates are April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22 and June 13.

## 2026 EASTER SHARE OFFERING

This special offering is collected during lent every year. This year the mission committee has named SHOW to be this year's recipient. SHOW sponsors an orphanage in Africa which we have been supporting for several years. The money will be used to help get a new water well to provide water for the orphanage and village. Your offering can be placed in one of the Easter envelopes in your offering box, or in one of the pew envelopes, please mark Easter Share on the envelope and in the memo line of your check. Place in the offering plate or the church office. The offering will be collected through Lent until after Easter. Thank you for your generosity.



Place your order for lilies in honor and/or memory of your loved ones. Lilies are \$9.50 and the deadline is March 23. They will be placed in the chancel area for Easter morning and taken with you after worship.

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship/Lent III
Monday, March 9	9:00 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday, March 10	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, March 11	9:00 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	10:00 a.m.	Tots of the Kingdom
Thursday, March 12	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Family Reading Night
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 13	9:00 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	10:00 a.m.	VBS Group Decorating
Saturday, March 14	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
		Sacred Spaces Tour
Sunday, March 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship/Lent IV
	4:00 p.m.	Kids 24/7
	6:00 p.m.	612

**Deadline for announcements for Sunday's bulletin-Wednesday by noon**  
**Deadline for the Bell Tower – 20<sup>th</sup> of every month**

### 939 PRAYER PARTNER SUGGESTIONS

For instilling the desire to learn

## **STAFF OFFICE HOURS**

### **Ben Claypool-Bridge Pastor**

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday	Off

### **Susan Blum-Office Manager**

Monday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### **Dan Dibble – Head Custodian**

Monday	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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