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# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 22, 2026**



Pastor  
Director of Music/Organist  
Church Office Administrator

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns  
Mr. Gary O'Neal  
Cathy Schingle

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We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.



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hurting world. Call us out of discouragement and despair to rise in courage and love. Let your light shine upon our faces, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may live again as your people, holy and whole, singing praises and serving with joy through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* **Gloria Patri**      “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”      No. 582

### **Time with Young Disciples**

#### **Call to Confession**

Pastor

#### **Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation

**God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes struggle to see your work in the world. We often wish for you to act in ways we can anticipate, but we forget that you do what is truly good, not necessarily what we expect. Please forgive us for not recognizing your miracles. Forgive us for doubting the wisdom of your actions. Most importantly, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call and neglect our responsibilities to demonstrate your love and grace to the world. Amen.**

*(In silence, confess your personal sins to God.)*

#### **Kyrie Eleison**

“Change My Heart, O God”

No. 695

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran poder. Hazme como tú; tu yo quiero ser.**

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness** (Responsive)

Pastor and Congregation

If God kept records of wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is God’s habit. Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

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\* **Invitation to Stand**

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## Lessons from Scripture

### Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Gracious God, we come before you now to worship and listen to your Word.  
Open our ears to hear. May we understand your Word more fully and follow the  
path you have set before us. Amen.

### First Reading:

Colossians 2:13-14 (p. 984 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord!

Response:

**Thanks be to God!**

### Second Reading:

Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 823 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Response:

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

### Sermon

“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...”

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

### Anthem

“Near the Cross with the Power of the Cross”

Sanctuary Choir

(Joel Raney)

- \* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) 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, dead, and buried; he descended into 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.**

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**Prayers of the People and 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

- \* **Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Faith Promises** Doxology No. 606  
*A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.*

*If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.*

- \* **Hymn** "He Is King of Kings" No. 273
- \* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor
- \* **Sending Song** "We Are One in Christ Jesus" No. 322  
"Somos uno en Cristo"  
(sing 2 times)

**We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.  
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.**

- \* **Postlude** Gary O'Neal, Organist

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- \* **Invitation to Stand**



Assisting in worship today is Becky Page, Liturgist.  
The Usher is Bill Oney.

Refreshments in the Parlor today are served  
by the Christian Education Committee.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22nd

Sunday	11:00 am – 12:00 pm 11:00 am 11:00 am	Church Food Pantry Disciple Fellowship Group Yoga Wellness
Tuesday	11:30 am – 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Church Food Pantry Session Meeting
Wednesday	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Yoga Wellness Handbells Rehearsal Way Out Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 am 11:30 am – 1:00 pm 3:00 pm	Bible Study Church Food Pantry Open Gate
Saturday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Church Beautification Day



### SESSION MEMBERS Diane Llywelyn – Clerk

Class of 2026  
Diane Llywelyn  
Bill Oney  
Charlene Taylor

Class of 2027  
Kathleen Hale  
Dorothy Moore  
Ann O'Neal

Class of 2028  
Bill Grayson  
Shelly Manriquez  
Harry Roberts

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

March 22, 2026

The Weekly Devotional focuses on today's sermon and message. It includes a memory verse, three reflection questions, and a challenge for the upcoming week.

Please take the Weekly Devotional home with you and use it throughout the week.

### Sermon:

**“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...”**

**Scripture Readings:** Colossians 2:13-14  
Matthew 18:21-35

### Memory Verse:

“And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses...”  
(Colossians 2:13)

### Reflection Questions

- 1) According to Paul's Letter to the Colossians, what did what did God do with the record of your trespasses?
- 2) What does Jesus say God will do to those who do not forgive others?
- 3) How is not forgiving others impacting your life now?

### Challenge for the Week

Make a list of things that you have been forgiven for. Make a list of things that you have not forgiven others for. Pray that God would help you to forgive each of these offenses.

### Prayer

God, you offer us forgiveness freely, and yet we cannot receive your forgiveness if we are not willing to let go of the offenses committed against us. Help me to forgive each person that has offended or hurt me. Amen.