

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025



Pastor
Director of Music/Organist
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Diane Llywelyn

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Prelude "A Lenten Prelude" Gary O'Neal, Organist
(arr. John Trouman)

* **Welcome and Greeting One Another** Pastor

* **Congregational Introit** "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place"

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

* **Litany for Lent** (Responsive) Liturgist

O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

Save us, Lord

O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation.

Save us, Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God.

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins.

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world.

Grant us peace.

* **Hymn** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 687

* **Prayer for Lent** Liturgist

* **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

Gracious God, we know that there have been times when we have failed to love others, failed to love God and even failed to love ourselves. As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we must go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins

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are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.

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

Kyrie Eleison "Dying You Destroyed Our Death" No. 567

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive) Pastor and Congregation
Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin, Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (p. 167 Pew Bible) Liturgist
This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: Luke 4:1-11 (p. 859 Pew Bible) Pastor
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon "Dying to Live: The Death of Your Survival Instincts" Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

Anthem "On Eagle's Wings" Sanctuary Choir
(arr. Mark Hayes)

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) Pastor and Congregation
– 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, 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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Pastor and Congregation
(Responsive)

Loving God, we pray for the brokenness in our world: especially we pray for those whose lives are torn apart by violence, war and disaster. We pray for leaders of governments and business that they might turn from narrow self-interest to global concern. We pray

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your special blessing on those in law enforcement, firefighters, medical personnel, and those in the military.

O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry go unto You.

Loving God, we pray for those who find themselves in desperate situations, not knowing where to turn. Those who are lonely and homeless.

O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry go unto You.

Loving God, we pray for those whose strength is failing. We pray for those who are known and unknown to us, but all known to you who are ill in body, mind, or spirit... We pray for all those who work and serve in health and social care.

O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry go unto You.

Loving God, we pray for those who are bereaved, and for those for whom anniversaries occur at this time. We give thanks for Your eternal promise that You will be with us always, even to the end of the age. We praise You and give thanks for the beauty of creation, the joy which the diverse creativity in many forms enriches our lives, and for the times our souls rejoice!

O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry go unto You.

Loving God, we pray for the church throughout the world, and the church families of which we are a part. We pray for the unity of the Body of Christ. We give thanks for Your faithfulness which never ends, and especially we pray for those who are taking the first steps in faith.

O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry go unto You.

Gracious and merciful God, accept these prayers, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ: Who is alive and reigns with You – One God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For You are Our Creator, Our Savior, and Our Giver of Life. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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 and Offerings**

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 leave the worship service.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor

* **Hymn**

“Seek Ye First”

No. 175

* **Charge and Benediction**

Pastor

* **Postlude**

Gary O’Neal, Organist

* **Invitation to Stand**



Assisting in worship today is Susie Miller, Liturgist.

The usher is Dorothy Moore.

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



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9th

Sunday	11:00 am	Membership and Mission Com. Mtg.
	11:30 am	Yoga Wellness
Monday	5:00	Property Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Christian Education Com. Mtg.
	6:00	Stewardship and Finance Com. Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Way Out Wednesday
	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	6:00	Administration and Personnel Com. Mtg.
Friday	12:00	Fitness Boot Camp
		Eastminster Presbyterian Church
Saturday	9:00 am	Mini Workday



SESSION MEMBERS Diane Llywelyn – Clerk

Class of 2025

Bill Grayson
Daniel Robinson
Leigh Taylor

Class of 2026

Diane Llywelyn
Bill Oney
Charlene Taylor

Class of 2027

Dorothy Moore
Ann O'Neal
Lorraine Stephen

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

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 "Dying to Live: The Death of Your Survival Instincts"

Scripture Reading: Luke:4:1-13

Memory Verse:

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."
(Deuteronomy 8:3)

Reflection Questions:

- (1) What book of the Bible does Jesus quote in response to the Devil's temptations?
- (2) How does your drive to survive impact your ability to love others?
- (3) What is an area of your life that you would like to grow in relying on God?

Challenge for the Week:

Skip at least one meal this week and give the money you would have spent to a ministry that helps others.