



## THE LORD'S SERVICE

March 1, 2026

Gathering & Hospitality  
Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! If you would like to receive our E-announcements, leave your contact info (including email) at the welcome stand. Please reference the insert for upcoming events and announcements.



## THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

***\*Call to Worship***

Psalm 69.29-30; 34 (ESV)

*We are [so often] afflicted and in pain;  
let your salvation, O God, set us on high!*

**We will praise the name of God with a song;  
We will magnify him with thanksgiving.**

*Let heaven and earth praise him!*

**The seas and everything that moves in them!**

**\*Songs of Praise**

**“All Creatures Of Our God And King”**

William H. Draper/St. Francis of Assisi (1225)

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow’r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer***

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.

**"Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)"**

Shane Bernard/Shane Everett (2015)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want  
In green pastures, He makes me lie down  
He restores my soul and leads me on  
For His Name, for His great Name

*Surely goodness, surely mercy  
Right beside me all my days  
And I will dwell in Your house forever  
And bless Your Holy Name*

You prepare a table right before me  
In the presence of my enemies  
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night  
Is at my door, I'll trust you Lord

*Surely goodness, surely mercy  
Right beside me all my days  
And I will dwell in Your house forever  
And bless Your Holy Name*

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## THE LORD CLEANSES US

### † *Confession of Sin*

Most holy and merciful Father;  
We acknowledge and confess before you;  
Our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good;  
And all our shortcomings and offenses.  
You alone know how often we have sinned;  
In wandering from your ways;  
In wasting your gifts;  
In forgetting your love.  
But you, O Lord, have pity upon us;  
Who are ashamed and sorry for all where we have displeased you.  
Teach us to hate our errors;  
Cleanse us from our secret faults;  
And forgive our sins for the sake of your dear son.  
And O most holy and loving Father;  
Help us we beseech you;  
To live in your light and walk in your ways;  
According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***\*Declaration of Forgiveness***

from Psalm 32 (ESV)

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven.*

**Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!**

### ***\*Prayer of Petition***

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

**All: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.**

## Children's Homily

*Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)*



### THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

**\*Scripture Reading**

Acts 8.26-40

Pastor: This is the word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Jim Powell

**“Rooted in Christ from the Word.”**



### THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Words of Institution*

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

**“Rock Of Ages”**

Augustus Toplady/James Ward (1776)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

*What is your only comfort in life and death?*

**That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.**

### ***Collection of Offerings***

Leader: *What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?*

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,  
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

### **“Doxology”**

Louis Bourgeois

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

**\*Hymn of Response**

**"Christ Our Hope In Life And Death"**

Getty, Boswell, Kauflin, Merker, Papa (2020)

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand

*Oh, sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
Oh, sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ, our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh? Unto the shore the rock of Christ

*Chorus*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will Heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore

*Chorus*



**THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US**

***\*Benediction***

*\* all who are able, please stand*

*† all who are able, please kneel*

*Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

Luke 24.44-47

On Preaching...

*"My endeavor is to bring out of Scripture what is there, and not to thrust in what I think might be there. I have a great jealousy on this head – never to speak more or less than I believe to be the mind of the Spirit in the passage I am expounding."*

Charles Simeon

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# UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## SUNDAYS, 10:10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

- TODAY, Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. 20: Of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience
- 3/8, Creational Foundations: People as God's Image Bearers
- 3/15, Creational Foundations: A Rhythm of Work and Rest
- 3/22, Creational Foundations: Goodness and Blessing

**FRI, MAR 6, 6:30PM | GIRLS NIGHT - CLOTHING SWAP:** Ladies, time to refresh your closet and trade your gently loved fashion for new to you Spring pieces (you can include jewelry and accessories)! Join us for this evening of fellowship and fun! RSVP and questions to Shannon (423.557.4669).

**SAT, MAR 7, 10-11:30AM | WOMEN'S BIBLE READING GROUP:** Ladies, join this Bible reading group! Meeting at the church on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10-11:30AM. Contact Patricia (423-505-3181) - and pick up a printed plan on the shelves in the front room!

**SUN, MAR 8, 10:15-10:45AM | VISITORS' MINGLE:** Are you new or visiting? Join us on the 3rd floor between services for conversations, refreshments, and an opportunity to meet our leadership. If you are considering membership or would simply like to know more and connect with others, come on up!

**SUN, MAR 8, 6PM | MONTHLY EVENING OF PRAYER:** For all who desire we will gather at the church for an hour of prayer and Scripture- for the glory of God, the good of the church, and for any and all petitions we need to bring before God- for our hearts, families, community, nation and world.

**FRI, MAR 13, 2-3PM | ETSU PRAYER:** Join us as at ETSU as we pray for God's work among students, faculty, and staff. Contact Pastor AJ (423-612-0123) or Chris Gabler.

**SAT, MAR 14, 11AM | WEDDING SHOWER FOR MEGGIE POWELL:** Ladies, join us for a wedding shower celebrating Meggie Powell at the church! Scan QR for registry.



**SAT, MAR 28, 9AM-2PM | CCC MISSIONS TEAM YARD & BAKE SALE:** In the church lobby! The proceeds from this event will be split between the four missions trips planned for this year. The success of this event depends on the yard sale donations from YOU! We also invite all the bakers among us to donate baked goods & bring them the morning of the event. Yard sale donations are needed by 3/25. For questions & to arrange for drop offs of donated items, please email: amyroebke@gmail.com, leslietowens@me.com, or jeanettehransom@gmail.com

## APRIL 3 & 5 | GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SUNDAY:

### April 3, 7pm | Good Friday Tenebrae Service

This worship service will focus upon our Lord's suffering and death. Children welcome, no nursery.

### April 5 | Easter Sunday

6:55am- Easter Sunrise Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

8:45am & 11am - Worship services with fellowship time (no classes) between!

# SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

- 8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service
- 10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
- 11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

## Adult Classes

- Fullbright Community Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 10:10-10:50
- Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10:10-10:50

## Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

- K-1<sup>st</sup>: Elaine DeVusser 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Youth Classes

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 10:10-10:50
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 6-8PM



## FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

**FRONT ROOM & 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR LARGE CLASSROOM:** A live stream of the service is available in the front room & on the second floor in the large classroom.

**NURSERY:** On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

**LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK):** On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

**COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP:** If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.

APRIL 17-APRIL 18

# LADIES SPRING GATHERING

*Broken Cisterns, with Sarah Jill*

**Thirsting for the Creator Instead of the Created**

Friday | 6-8pm & Saturday | 9am-2pm

Use QR for details & registration

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<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A painful persecution | 8.1-3  
A purposeful scattering | 8.4-8  
A potent gospel | 8.9-25

A providential interception | 8.26-31  
A perfect and particular Word | 8.32-40

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