

Welcome To Worship



Sunday, March 23rd, 2025



PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO REST

OPENING SENTENCES:

O God, you are our God;
our souls thirst for you,
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.

We have looked upon you in the sanctuary;
we have seen your power and glory.

Our lips will praise you as long as we live;
we lift up our hearts and call on your name.
Let us worship God!

GATHERING HYMN

#2

Come Thou Almighty King (vs 1,2,3)

KYRIE (Call & Response)

Kyrie Eleison (x2) Christe Eleison (x2) Kyrie Eleison (2x)

CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)

Almighty God,
though you lovingly tend us,
we have not put forth the good fruits
of your Spirit.
Our consumption poisons the earth.
Our violence threatens our neighbors.
Our greed exploits the poor.
We must seem a waste of time,
but don't give up on us yet, O God.
In your power to abundantly pardon,
forgive us for the sake of Christ,
and imbue us with love, peace,
goodness, and faithfulness

KYRIE (Call & Response)

Kyrie Eleison (x2) Christe Eleison (x2) Kyrie Eleison (2x)

SILENCE for confession and resting In God’s grace.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (responsive)

Incline your ear and listen,
so that you may live!
God makes with us an everlasting covenant,
the sure, steadfast love
known to Moses, David, and the ancestors
and revealed in Jesus upon the cross.
Trust in the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE HYMN **#740** **Lead Me, Guide Me**

PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* -Bells of Praise

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1.....Isaiah 55: 1-9
READING 2.....Luke 13:1-9

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!***

SERMON.....Pastor Mike Ozaki

SILENCE FOR COMTEMPLATION

CONTEMPLATION HYMN: **#43** **Eagles Wings**

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

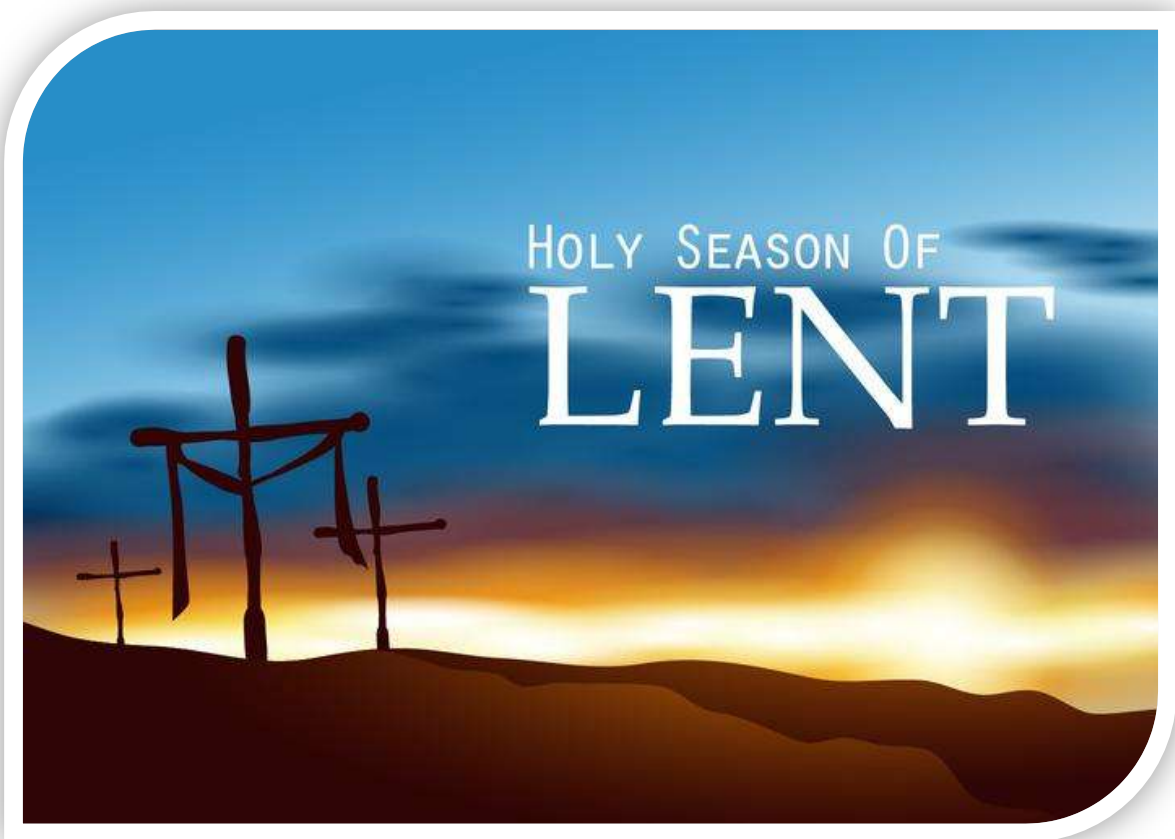
Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.
Alleluia! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **#546** **Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing**

DISMISSAL (Responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated and enjoy the hard work of our talented musicians*)



A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Sunday- March 23rd, 2025

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters..... Dan & Vicki Svedarsky

Organist.....Hazel Mendez

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Lynne Mullins

Next Sunday- March 30th, 2025

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters.....Jeri Melsa & Lynne Mullins

Organist.....George French

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Marsha Odom

Special Announcements!

The March Table Talk Newsletter is now available-if you would prefer a digital copy or a paper copy mailed to you, please let the office know.

A poster for 'Lenten Food & Reflections' featuring a white plate with a spoon on the left and a sandwich on the right. The text is centered on the plate and in a white box at the bottom.

Lenten
**FOOD &
REFLECTIONS**

Wednesdays @5:30-7:00pm
March 12 - April 9

Throughout Lent we will be gathering on Wednesdays for simple meal and a time of reflections with Pastor Mike.

BUT

We need 2 folks willing to provide a pot of soup, chili, stew or other comfort food for us to share each week.

Please fill out the sign up sheet outside the sanctuary.



This denomination-wide offering during Lent responds directly to the needs
God has

called us as Christian Presbyterians to fulfill in Isaiah 58. It is the largest way
we have

come together every year to work for a better world for over 75 years.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources,
clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs
supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)--Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and Self-
Development of People (SDOP)-- all work in different ways to serve individuals
and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community
development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance,
and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (March 5–April 20), each gift to the OGHS
Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.
The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need.

Where Do the Funds Go?

32% helps Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) provide for recovery and
hope

36% helps Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) alleviate hunger and care for
creation

32% helps Self-Development of People (SDOP) invest in communities in need

Expect bulletin inserts and “minutes for mission” to inform us. Even though our
PCUSA congregation is small, when we combine our gifts with other
Presbyterian congregations in the US, we truly do make a good and positive
difference in this world.

Please give generously and become Repairers of the Breach (Isaiah 58).

Thank you, Your Mission Team

Andrew Root and Blair D. Bertrand

A Future for
Your Congregation
beyond More
Money, Programs,
and Innovation

When
Church
Stops
Working



Congregational Book Study - Thursday, March 20th at 5:15pm.

We will be continuing with "When Church Stops Working" looking at Chapters 3-4 together.

Lenten Book Study

On March 6th, we will be starting an original series created by Pastor Mike, "The Heart of the Cross: Exploring how Jesus saves us".

This series will run through lent and look at the very different and surprising ways scripture describes how Jesus saves us. There is no book to purchase and anyone is welcome to join us Thursdays at 1:00 during lent.