

Welcome To Worship

1st Sunday in Lent



February 22nd, 2026



PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR MISSION
CALL TO WORSHIP:

Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.
We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.
We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.
We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.
We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen

OPENING HYMN: **#41** *"O Worship the King" (Vs. 1,3,5)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God,
we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places
where we are confronted with our true selves.
The places where we are tempted to put worldly values

before our desire for you,
and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater
than our hunger for seeking and doing your will:
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us
to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith,
rather than being guided by the humility of Christ:
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use bribery to influence and control people:
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own
needs:
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

A time of silence for personal confession

**Merciful God,
save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your
salvation.
So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season
that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

As the apostle Paul wrote:

“...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

These words contain the good news

that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE HYMN: **#59** *“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**
Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, **our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Reading #1.....Psalm 32
Reading #2.....Romans 5: 12-19
Gospel Reading.....Matthew 4: 1-11

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Trey Everett

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION: **#649** *“Amazing Grace” (Vs. 1,3,5)*

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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: #839 “Blessed Assurance” (Vs. 1 & 3)

BENEDICTION

Go, now, in the comfort and blessing of God’s mercy, trusting that wherever you go, God’s steadfast love surrounds you, sustains you, and supports you for the journey ahead. Amen.

DISMISSAL (Responsive)

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

POSTLUDE (*Please stay seated and enjoy the music from our talented musicians*)



EXPLORING DIRECTION
AND
Discernment for JPC
02/01/2026



AS WE CONTINUE WITH PULPIT SUPPLY AND DISCERNMENT AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING, SEVERAL IDEAS AND PERSPECTIVES ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR MINISTRY AND SPACE.

Exploring Direction and Discernment for the Church

- **Invite mission-aligned organizations or businesses** to share use of the church facility
Potential opportunities include:
 - Additional childcare or daycare programs
 - Cove
 - An art center or creative ministry
- **Continue and strengthen the Church Music Mission**
- **Explore shared-space partnerships with other congregations**
 - Identify another denomination or church interested in sharing the building
 - Discern what a continued or renewed partnership with Trinity could look like
 - Reach out to St. Paul’s to learn about potential space or ministry needs
 - Explore opportunities with Freedom Church
- **Develop a clear pay scale** for fellowship hall and church space usage
- **Expand and strengthen the current congregation**
 - Conduct a stewardship drive
 - Engage in door-to-door or community-based congregational invitations

February 22nd – March 1st, 2026

Sunday- February 22nd, 2026

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Message.....Trey Everett
Ushers & Greeters.....Connor & Katie Morgan
Pianist.....Hazel Mendez
Music Director.....Sandy Perkins
Reader.....Sandy Perkins

Tuesday- February 24th, 2026

6:00pm - Bells

Wednesday- February 25th, 2026

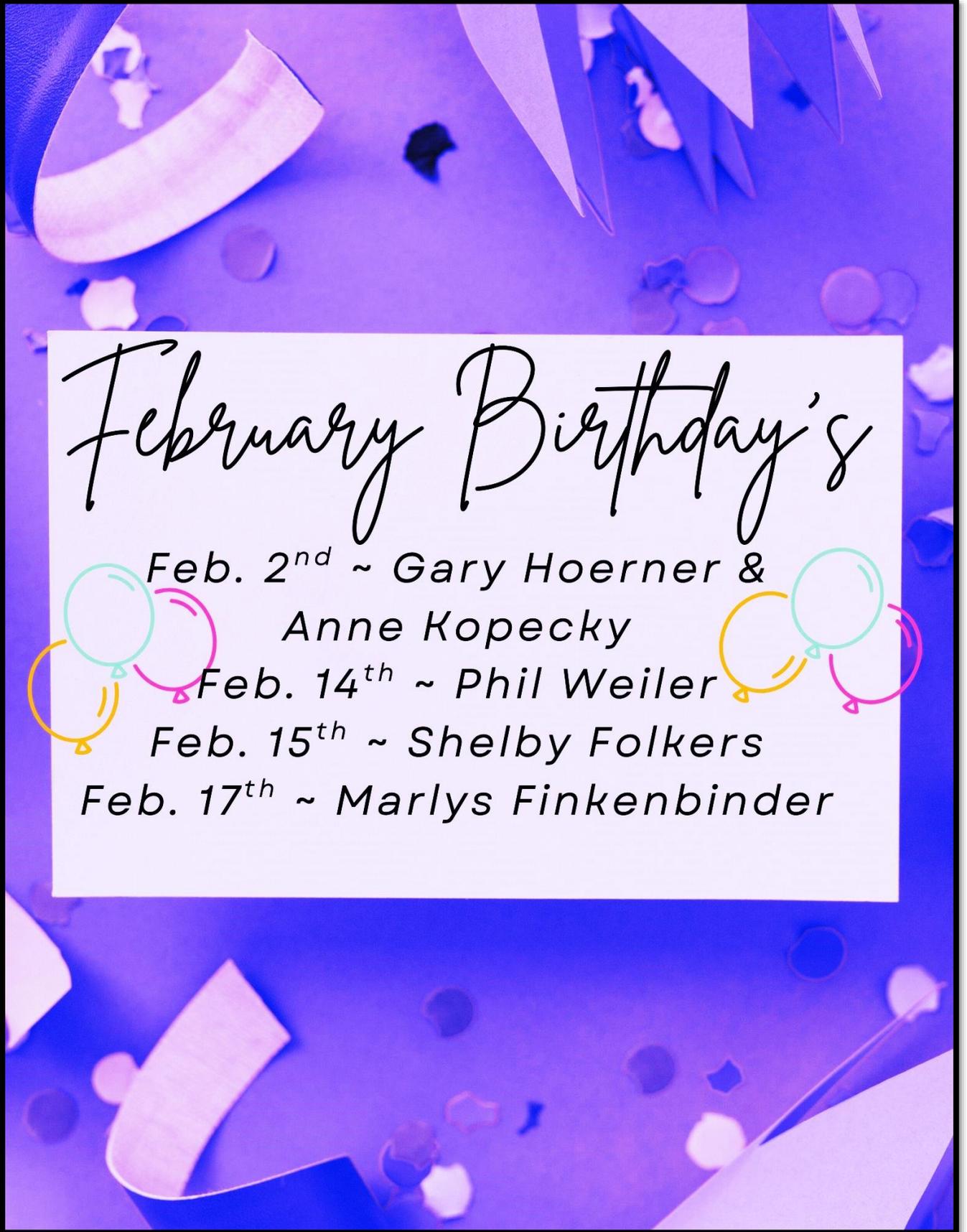
5:30pm – Worship at Wesley

Next Sunday- March 1st, 2026

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Message.....Trey Everett
Ushers & Greeters.....Mario & Jill Schisano
Pianist.....George French
Music Director.....Sandy Perkins
Reader.....Marsha Odom
Communion Server.....Gary Hoerner
Communion Preparer.....Marlys M.



February Birthday's

Feb. 2nd ~ Gary Hoerner &
Anne Kopecky

Feb. 14th ~ Phil Weiler

Feb. 15th ~ Shelby Folkers

Feb. 17th ~ Marlys Finkenbinder

Join Us at Wesley

for Ash Wednesday & the Lenten Season



Ash Wednesday Service

February 18 | 6:00 PM

Weekly Lenten Services

February 25 – March 25 | 5:30 PM

Soup, Bread & Lenten Devotion

All are welcome!

