

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“Nicodemus Visiting Jesus”
Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"He Leadeth Me"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Bradbury/Line
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me." *Matthew 25:35b*
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CHORAL INTROIT

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Southwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.
God makes us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.
As Nicodemus was invited, Christ invites us to become a new creation.
Christ calls us into his marvelous light and we are saved through him.

Liturgist

THE LENTEN WREATH – LETTING GO OF CERTAINTY

Jim and Elaine Trent

We want control and certainty in our life. We want to know that we are on the right path, that we have the right answers, and that we worship the right God. We want to trust our own certainty. Lent is an invitation to acknowledge our illusions of certainty and to open ourselves to God's wonder-filled grace, mercy, and love. (*Silence*)

As we extinguish this light, we let go of our certainty for: the need for answers, faith without doubt, and the desire to be self-reliant. (*A candle is extinguished.*)

Gracious God, we like to pretend that we have life figured out, that we don't need you, and that we can possess ultimate knowledge. Open our hearts to your gift of grace that enables us, in faith, to trust. Amen.

*HYMN 625

"How Great Thou Art"
(The congregation's 5th favorite hymn.)

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Our help comes from God. This help is not just for the times when trouble befalls us or when our lives are hard, but when we are the ones to blame and face the consequences of our own actions. In penitence, we turn to God for help, trusting in God's unending grace. Let us pray:

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace. **We will live as forgiven people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-4a (Unison)

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'
So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

THE GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Moving On from Who God Was"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 3

"Womb of Life and Source of Being"

RAQUEL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

(Adapted from the *Confession of 1967, 9.21*)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves humanity to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Mason/Raney

*DOXOLOGY -- Lenten Doxology" -- See Insert

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Responsive, Congregation please read **bold** print.)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Faithful God, it is indeed right...join the song of heaven, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks that on the night,...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake.

If you prefer gluten free, please tell the server. Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup. If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days.
As we travel through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and
draw us ever closer to you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Beloved people of God,
I invite you, in the name of Christ,
to continue to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting,
by works of love,
and by meditating on Gods' word.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God
our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"How Great Thou Art"

Larson

*All who are able, please stand.

(You are welcome to be seated for the postlude or to leave the sanctuary directly after the benediction. Because our worship is primarily toward God and in response to God's grace in Jesus Christ, we refrain from applause. In our culture, applause is how we show appreciation for a performance. However, in worship, we are the "performers" for God. Thus, our singing, the music played, a solo or any other musical offering is an offering to God.)

Lenten Doxology

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R. G. Huff

FINLANDIA

Jean Sibelius



O suf-f'ring Je - sus, in these for - ty days. We view your sor - row,
share in your dis - tress. Our Len - ten songs are filled with mu - ted praise;
Yet by your pas - sion, we are tru - ly blessed. We praise the Fa - ther!
Praise to our God, and
We praise you, the Son! — We praise the Spir - it, our God, Three in One.
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Fred and Carol Edmonds, Jill Claybour, Greeters
Jim and Elaine Trent, Lenten Readers
Jeannine Chapman, Gail Brandt, Communion Preparers
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

<p>Today 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, March 2 2:00 Grief Group</p> <p>Tuesday, March 3 11:30 Prayer Vigil for the World 1:00 Worship & Music Mtg 3:00 Lenten Study, "Pause"</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 4 10:00 Knitting Group 12:30 Centering Prayer 4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, March 5 2:00 Adult Ed- "Words of Love"</p> <p>Friday, March 6 9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, March 7 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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PRAYER LIST

<p>MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS : Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p>MISSION CO-WORKERS: Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, & their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor & Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ Efi Latsoudi & Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p>	<p>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td> <td>The Navin Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td> <td>Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Britta Baarstad</td> <td>John Navin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joel Hough</td> <td>Linda Koch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Warren Robey</td> <td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td> <td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suzie Anderson</td> <td>Martha Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathy Lane</td> <td>Gwen Baarstad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mike Perry</td> <td>Dottie Patterson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vickie Smith</td> <td>Bobbie Edwards</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>John Sappington</td> </tr> </table>	Bob Nelson	The Navin Family	Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family	Britta Baarstad	John Navin	Joel Hough	Linda Koch	John Warren Robey	Evelyn Sengelaub	Kristin Lehoullier	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	Suzie Anderson	Martha Campbell	Cathy Lane	Gwen Baarstad	Mike Perry	Dottie Patterson	Vickie Smith	Bobbie Edwards		John Sappington
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