

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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Lent I

March 9, 2025, 11:00 AM

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Worship Leader: Dorothy Wallace

TV Director: David K Loebell

Music Director: Dominico Reyes

Musician: Lars Morrison

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Adagio #12 ~ Graum* LARS MORRISON

CHORAL INTROIT *Create in Me a Clean Heart ~ Gilbert*
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Pastor: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

People: **As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.**

Pastor: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

People: **As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Pastor: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

People: **As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord Almighty.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 429 *As a Chalice Cast of Gold* INWARD LIGHT

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins 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.
Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold.**

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin, Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. This is good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION RESPONSE K9 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Meineke)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Bear with one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you!**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 224 v. 1 *O Word of God Incarnate* ROCKINGHAM

***When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.***

HT LESSON Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11 *Pew Bible P.158-159*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 91 HYMN 43 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* ON EAGLE'S WINGS

NT LESSON Romans 10: 8b – 13 *Pew Bible P.921*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4: 1 – 13 *Pew Bible P.835*

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord. People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

**CANTICLE *My Spirit Longs for Thee* FINGAL

***My spirit longs for Thee with in my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest.
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,***

*Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee.
Unless it come from Thee, in vain I look around;
In all that I can see no rest is to be found.
No rest is to be found but in Thy blessed love;
O let my wish be crowned, and send it from above! A-men.*

MESSAGE *Listening to God All the Time* PASTOR JOHN

RESPONSE 583 *Glory to God* GLORIA (Taizé)
Glor-ia, glor-ia, in excelsis Deo!
Glor-ia, glor-ia, alleluia, alleluia!

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG
HYMN 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Pie Jesu ~ Rao*
Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem.
Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem.
Dona, dona Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem,
sempiternam requiem, sepiternam requiem.
Pie, pie Jesu, pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis, dona eis sempiternam requiem,
sempiternam requiem.

**DOXOLOGY 717 *For the Life That You Have Given* PLEADING SAVIOR
***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own;
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ☩

From a laptop and a daycare center, from retirement and teaching, from construction work and nursing, from all the places where we derive a living, we offer you our gifts, God of grace, so they might become part of all the fruits of hope and of healing, of peace and patience, which you give to others throughout the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Sending

**HYMN 783

When We Are Tested

ANGELS OF HEALING

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**CHORAL RESPONSE *Abide with Me* ~ Lyte/Monk

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

☩ -- *The Call to Worship (adapted) and Prayer of Dedication are from the Rev. Thom Shuman at Lectionary Liturgies.*

**POSTLUDE

Rondeau ~ Marais

LARS MORRISON

Wait, Don't Go Yet! Join us for conversation and food during fellowship hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Connie Swartzfeger & Friends for hosting today!

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Coming Up:

March 16 Noisy Offering of Loose Change
March 19 Session Meeting 6:30 PM in Sanctuary
March 23 BBP Leadership Event at CUPC 1:30 PM
Wednesdays Adult Brown-Bag Education 11am – 1pm

Easter Flower Orders: **DUE MARCH 30** - Help us decorate the Sanctuary for Easter and remember or honor a special someone. Payment must accompany order, and form filled out correctly for your order to be accepted. Pay easily through Tithely!

Lighthouse Item of the Month: March = Soup/Broth



Prayer Concerns: If you have a prayer request, please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148, or covenantoffice@zoominternet.net

Please Pray for:

Don Wallace, and caretaker **Dorothy**, having surgery of the left iliac artery on Monday. Prayers for success and quick recovery.

Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, & Aurelie, for health & discernment.

Bob Mathias as he begins a rehabilitation regimen after recent mini-strokes and **Ione** caring for him through this.

Sandy Graff, Brian's mother, for speedy healing from recent minor surgery.

Marian and Jim Zalenka, friends of Pastor John and Elaine, mourning the loss of Marian's mother, **Gloria**, this week, and her brother-in-law, **Andy**, last week. Andy was care-giver to his wife, **Carol**, who has MS.

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister, searching for permanent replacement housing after her losses in the LA fires.

Bonnie Readett, Pastor John's sister in East Greenwich, RI, for healing of a hairline fracture in her leg.

Ron Taillon, a neighbor of Pastor John's sister, DA, in Lincoln, RI, for a good recovery after knee replacement surgery this week.

Residents, relief workers, coordinators and helpers amidst the devastated areas in both Southern California and in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee.

Bonnie Wilson, friend of Ione Mathias, in chemo treatment for cancer in her jaw.

Dee Hall, known to the Mathias', is doing well despite a continuing battle with cancer.

Sharon Anderson, friend of Nancy Rice, is recovering at home from recent surgery and will be undergoing further treatments.

Pam Patterson, at Concordia Cabot.

Homeless people in and around our area during these cold weather months.