

Service of Divine Worship

2nd Sunday in Lent, Communion

March 1, 2026

Assemble in God's Name

Life Together

Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude

***Call to Worship:**

When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.

When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us.

When we are threatened because of who we are, we can depend on

Christ's protection.

We know Christ, because Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his life for our sake.

Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all of us with fierce love.

Let us give thanks for Christ's presence with us.¹

Opening Hymn #466: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord, like a shepherd, You never stop searching for Your people. We confess that we need Your forgiveness and we confess our sins: You are the shepherd and we are Your flock, but we admit the times we have tried to take control of things for ourselves. We admit that we have not always trusted Your good news to be good for us. At times we have pleaded with You to care for us, but we have held back from caring for others. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us in the name of Jesus. Loving shepherd, teach us by the Holy Spirit to follow You. ²

Silent, Personal Prayer

Responsive Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and all of God's people said...

Amen!

Song of Joy, Hymn #276, verse 2: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*** The Peace: "*The Peace of the Lord be with you.*" "*And also with you.*"**

*As a sign of reconciliation please share the Peace of Christ
with your brothers and sisters.*

Proclaim God's Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Time

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *Loving Shepherd of the Sheep*

Michael Burkhardt

Heritage Choir

Scripture Readings: **John 10:11-18, Psalm 23**

Sermon: *Finding Jesus As Our Shepherd*

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Respond to God's Word

Hymn of Response #172: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

***Affirmation of Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed*, Traditional,
Blue Hymnal page 14

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *Here's One*

Dorothy Russell, soprano

* Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

Mark Hayes

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Joys & Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison, Blue Hymnal page 16*)

All: Our Father...

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

The Bread— *"This is my body broken for you."*

Please partake of the bread individually

The Cup— *"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood."*

Please hold the cup until directed.

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Sending #387:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* *Those who are able may stand*

¹ <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-4b-april-21/>

² written by Rev Dan Carmichael, Minister of Lenzie Union. It was posted on The Church of Scotland's **Weekly Worship** website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks and sharing calendars are available in the Atrium, under the Children's Ministry bulletin board. Also available is a OGHS board game, that helps our children and families to learn about the effects of a natural disaster, and the healing power of help from others. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will be used to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in the empowerment of the poor and oppressed. We will return our offerings and fish banks to HPC on Palm Sunday, March 29, or by using the HPC on-line giving portal found at www.hpcmason.org/giving. Please mark "OGHS" in the notes box.



Food with Friends

On the last Saturday of each month from 12-4pm, our church provides a free meal for the congregation and the community.

If you feel like getting out on March 28, or any last Saturday of any month, come enjoy the meal and the conversation! You can support this mission with your presence! Or if you prefer, you can support the mission by signing up to provide a side dish, salad, or dessert. Sometimes we have a large crowd and sometimes a few people come in one family at a time. We always have a good time!

If we have leftover food, it is picked up by a lady who also provides meals for others. We hope you will enjoy being a part of this mission.

PRAYER list...

Concerns:

- Roger Rude—at Bethesda North for testing
- Sandy White—results of 2/25 biopsy
- Greg & Eileen Adams—cousins of Bob & Mollie White—Greg is starting radiation and Eileen's cancer has returned
- Henry Sizemore—cousin of Kara Boice—unexplainable health complications

Continued Prayers for:

- Prayers for peace in the world.
- Prayers for all who battle mental illness.
- Mariane Azuma—breast cancer diagnosis with chemotherapy
- Dr. Courtney Baker—friend of Chris Dauer's—travel mercies for her mission trip to Uganda.
- Jayne Cool—Cathy Ewing's mother—strength & healing for cancer treatments.
- Kyle Homan—recent PET Scan results showed no new cancer, and older spots were reduced in size—please continue to pray.
- Steve Hubbard—Judith Olsen's son-in-law—recovery from emergency clot removal surgery on 2/17, and effectiveness of blood thinner treatment
- Irma Kaltenhauser—rehab
- Marianne—Pat O'Kray's sister—moving to assisted living.
- Steve Ritz—health issues
- John Samol—Martha Bard's son-in-law—recovery from emergency brain surgery on 2/6
- Teresa Stanford
- Bob White - Prayer for his singing and speaking voice to return.

Intercessory Prayer: Knox Presbyterian Church
Call the church office, 398-7671, to add requests.



Easter Flower Sale

Easter Lilies—\$11

Mums—\$8

Gerbera Daisies—\$8

Kalanchoes—\$9

Azaleas—\$17

Easter Flower Sale Through March 22

To Order: Fill out an envelope in the Atrium or contact Janet Clifford Brown: cliffordbrown.je@gmail.com. *Orders are due by Sunday, March 22.*

Thank you for ordering Easter Flowers—they will be beautiful!



Lenten Wednesday Prayer Online

Beginning on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:30pm, join us for a virtual Midweek Prayer Service on Wednesdays throughout Lent on Zoom and Facebook Live. Pastor Sarah will share some reflections from The Presbyterian Outlook's Lenten Devotional for 2026, take prayer requests, and lead participants in prayer. This is an interactive virtual service, and folks are invited to share joys, concerns, and their own thoughts on the devotional readings in the comments throughout the service. We hope to see you there!

You can join in on Facebook Live or use this link to the Zoom meeting, which you can use each Wednesday in Lent: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87595388433?pwd=lbubWgLi76allsTtR1d73wcpyhq1uq.1>

Lenten Resources and Practices

The church season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Lent is a 6 week period when Christians prepare for Easter through reflection, study, and service. We have prepared several resources and activities that are appropriate for all ages as we experience Lent. Take Home resources will be available in the atrium beginning Ash Wednesday.

Prayer Partners: During Lent, consider strengthening your prayer life by becoming a Prayer Partner with someone in our congregation. We will pair each interested adult (18 and older) with a youth (17 & younger, including babies). Throughout Lent, you will commit to praying for each other daily. Interested? Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org to be connected with a partner and receive a prayer packet.

Spirituality Centers: During Lent, take time to be enriched in your faith by taking time to pray, meditate and reflect in beautifully prepared Spirituality Prayer Centers here at Heritage. The centers are located in the Fireside Room, Adult Library and Room 9. They are available anytime the church is open and provide a wonderful space to pray individually, with a family member, or a prayer partner. Centers have been carefully prepared for all ages; children, teens, and adults

Lenten Bible Study: Pastor Sarah will be leading a Lenten Bible Study, Sunday mornings, at 9 am. The study book, Finding Jesus in the Psalms, by Barb Roose is available in the Atrium for \$18.

Daily Devotions: Devotional materials for all ages are available in the atrium. If you would like an electronic copy or need additional resources, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org.

- ***Discipleship in a Divided Age*** This Lenten resource provides daily readings, devotions, reflection questions, and prayer guided by scripture from Matthew. A great resource for adults and teens.
- ***Remember Me*** is an interactive resource especially for children and families. The packet includes daily scripture, songs, and activity suggestions to guide families through Lent, observing the Lenten practices of reflection, study and service.
- ***Sketchy Lent*** provides tools, prompts, and reflection ideas to experience Lent through the practice of journaling. A helpful resource for all ages.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 1, 2nd Sunday in Lent, Communion

Montreat Payments are Due in Full Today

9:00 am: Sunday School/Lenten Small Groups

10:15 am: Worship Service

5:00 pm: Youth Groups

5:30 pm: Third Way

Monday, March 2

3:30 pm: Confirmation Class

7:00pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am: Men's Bible Study

10:00 am: Crafting Group

Wednesday, March 4

6:15 pm: Choir Practice

7:30 pm: Bell Choir Practice; Lenten Wednesday Prayer Online

Thursday, March 5

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 7

Sunday, March 8, 3rd Sunday in Lent, Daylight Saving Time Starts

9:00 am: Sunday School/Lenten Small Groups

10:15 am: Worship Service

11:45 am: Inquirer's Class

5:00 pm: Youth Groups

The Worship Leader This Week is Susan Brose

The Sanctuary Flowers This Week were given by Jenny Wang, "Enjoy the spring!"

Birthdays this Week: Craig Jacob, Anthony Rought, Ashlyn Clark,

Cora Sparks-Franklin, Glen Hamann, Morgan Perkins



HPC Inquirer's Class

There will be an Inquirer's Class for those who are interested in becoming a member of Heritage Presbyterian Church next Sunday, March 8 at 11:45am in rooms 14/15. Lunch will be provided. Childcare can be arranged if needed. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the Atrium if you plan to attend.

Heritage Got Talent: Thank you!

The Heritage Got Talent Fundraiser on February 22 was a big success! We raised \$3,500 that will go toward Legacies Summer Mission and Faith Formation trips! Thank you, HPC Family!



Community Cupboard

Our biggest need is for health/self care items such as deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. Even the small sample sizes are in demand. SNAP doesn't cover these items.

Most Needed Items: Canned Soup, high protein items such as Canned Meats, Chili etc., Pasta Sauce, Boxed or Canned Potatoes, Canned or Powdered Gravy.



Sandwiches Delivered as of 2/15/26

- ⇒ Sandwiches Delivered: 39,019
- ⇒ Sandwich Tower Height: 298 Stories
- ⇒ Weeks Delivered: 295
- ⇒ HPC Sandwich Missionaries: 37

You Sandwich Missionaries are amazing!

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35.

*"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me." Matthew 25:40.*



2026 Pledges & Gifts

Use this link to give online: <http://bit.ly/2WjfB2m>

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