

Service of Divine Worship

1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

Assemble in God's Name

Life Together:

Susie Faas

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude

***Call to Worship:**

Here, at the outer limits of Lent, we are called to walk: to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul; to the workplaces which weary us; to the people who confuse us; to the faith which threatens us.

Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness, we are called to wait: when our clenched stomachs awaken us; in the moments of unbearable sorrow; with the angels who would carry us.

Here, where time is fulfilled, where God's Kingdom is as near to us as our neighbor, we begin Lent: with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears; with the God who will not let go of our hands.

Come, let us worship the Lord together.¹

***Opening Hymn #81:** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Call to Confession

Unison 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.²

Silent, Personal Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: *Responsive Reading*

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven..

Thanks be to God! ²

***Song of Joy, Hymn #341, verse 1:** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

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*** 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:

O Lord of light and salvation, let these words of Scripture live not only in our mouths, but in our hearts, that we will embody your truth and confess with our lives that Jesus is Lord. Amen.³

Children's Time

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *The Lily of the Valley*

Jamey Focke, baritone

Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 5:1-12**

Sermon: *Being Blessed and Broken*

Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin

Respond to God's Word

***Hymn of Response #426**, verses 1, 4 & 5: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

***Affirmation of Faith:** 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 women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *There Is So Much Work for Love to Do*

Heritage Choir

* Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

Gray

***Hymn of Sending #536:** *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Those who are able may stand*

¹ Written by Rev. Thom Shuman and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

² <https://calltoworshipjournal.org/march-9-2025-first-sunday-in-lent/>

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Special Congregational Meeting,

Sunday, March 16 at 11:30am

The Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, March 16th, for the purpose of voting on an offer from the City of Mason to acquire a 0.165 section of the church's property along Mason-Montgomery Road for the addition of a turn lane.

A Zoom link will be sent out as part of the announcements on Friday, March 14th.



Lenten Resources and Practices



The church season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Lent is a 6-week period when Christians prepare for Easter through reflection, study, and service. We have prepared several resources and experiences that are appropriate for all ages as we experience Lent. Take-Home resources are available in the atrium.

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 packet.



Spirituality Centers



Spirituality Prayer Centers are set up for all ages in our Adult Library and Fireside rooms. Interactive Prayer Centers for children have been set up in Room 9. These centers are available for your use when the building is open. They provide wonderful space to pray individually, with a family member, or a prayer partner. Plan a time to be renewed and refreshed through the power of prayer. If you would like to help set up a spirituality center, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org.

Prayer List

Concerns:

- Chase Plats—travel mercies for his spring break trip with H2O
- Chris Wright's dad—3/4 Pacemaker procedure
- Debbie Jarvis—Kyle Homan's niece—breast cancer

Continued Prayer:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, Israel & Gaza, and for peace.
- Prayer for those suffering from addiction and mental health challenges
- Noah Cassion—2 1/2 year old son of Ashley Ross, the Children & Youth Director at Mt. Washington PC—diagnosed with cancer and having chemotherapy
- Eric Craft—friend of Geoff & Kristin Homan—diagnosed with Glioblastoma
- Krista Darkins—friend of the LeVans' - broken arm/upper shoulder
- Jane Evans—Pat Anson's sister— at MCV after from surgery on broken hip
- Bob Fay—diagnostic testing
- Jo Gandenberger—friend of Joanne Foster—in rehab after a fall
- Barbara Garrett—Sarah Falck's aunt—Hospice care
- Skip Glander—Anita Segreto's brother—Stage IV lung cancer.
- Doris Hitzfield—Lucy Atkinson's stepmother—hospitalized
- Judy Little—Bronchitis & sepsis
- Charlie McCaulou—recovery & results of 3/7 angiogram
- JoAnne McCaulou—at Mason Christian Village Grace Center, room 406
- Mary Angela—cousin of Ricardo Pellegrino—results of breast cancer surgery
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Steve Ritz—home recovering from complications due to flu/bronchitis.
- Bill Ross—recovery from 3/4 Carpal Tunnel Syndrome surgery
- Merideth Rought—healing after a car accident
- Beth Schumacher—former member—diagnosed with cancer
- Michelle Schumm—success of 2/18 epidural for neck pain from protruding disc
- Glen Senour—past member of HPC—health issues
- Teresa Stanford—recovery from seizure
- Randy Stanford—radiation for lung cancer
- Roni Swihart—recovery from herniated disc
- Stacy—the Wassons' daughter's boyfriend's mother—cancer diagnosis

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



FPWC Hosting Week Starts Sunday, 03-23-2025!!!

Our second Hosting Week for FPWC (Family Promise Warren County) for 2025 begins on Sunday, 03-23-2025. This is just 2 weeks away!!!

This means I am asking those of you have been trained at a 3-hour Saturday FPWC training session to volunteer for one of the 42 volunteer positions that are needed that week. A sign up list of needed volunteer slots is posted in the Mission Bulletin Board in the atrium, or you can tell, call, text, or email Nelson Kennedy: 513-470-1279; nekskier@aol.com, 5th pew from the back, left center section.

It would really help if HPC had more trained volunteer Hosts for our Year 2025 Hosting Weeks. If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful Host experience, please contact Nelson.

You Family Promise Missionaries are Fantastic! Is there a better way to respond to the Grace of God than by providing food and shelter to the homeless in your own community?

Heritage Got Talent— Thank You!!



Thank you to the HPC Congregation for your support of the Heritage Got Talent Show! We had a great show with so many talented acts! Our silent auction had many donated items and was a great success. The art show was a welcomed addition to the show. All funds raised will go toward the youth groups summer mission and faith formation trips.



W O M E N ' S R E T R E A T

Women's Retreat at Montreat, NC – August 8-10

This is a rare opportunity to gather with women from all over the U.S. The Retreat will be a time for women to connect with old and new friends, a time to care for yourself, a time for space and Sabbath. We will do this together through powerful and authentic worship led by women, space for honest and faithful conversation, and allowing time for discernment and renewing rest. You will experience spiritual nourishment, inspiration, and discernment.

Amy-Jill Levine will be the guest speaker. Many of us have used her books in bible study and have learned a great deal from her. AJ describes herself as an unorthodox member of an Orthodox synagogue and a Yankee Jewish feminist who works to counter biblical interpretations that exclude and oppress.

AJ is the Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita, at Vanderbilt.

If you have questions, or would like to sign up to attend with women from HPC, sign up on the PW Bulletin Board in the Atrium, or contact Pastor Jacquelyn Pinkowski: 406-794-9360; jspinkowski@gmail.com

Community Cupboard

The Community Cupboard has been functioning now for a full year. Many thanks to the members of HPC for their generosity. Even with food drives, we still have items in great demand that are not readily available in our inventory. Canned meat/fish products, shelf stable milk, pancake mix (water only), syrup, flavored rice and jelly.



Sunday, March 9, 1st Sunday in Lent*Daylight Savings Time Begins*

9:00 am: Sunday School for All Ages

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

11:30 am: Matthew 25 Action Group led by Mike Wasson

11:45 am: Confirmation Class

5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens & Legacies

Monday, March 10

6:30 pm: CESE Meeting

7:00 pm: Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

10:00 am: Crafting Group

6:00 pm: Tuesdays Together in Lent

Wednesday, March 12

9:30 am: Hope Circle

6:15 pm: Choir Practice

7:30 pm: Bells Practice

Thursday, March 13

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm: Grace Circle

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, March 14

3:00 pm: B & P Meeting

7:00 pm: Legacies' Mission Weekend begins

Saturday, March 15

4:00 pm: Legacies' Mission Weekend ends

Sunday, March 16, 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 am: Sunday School for All Ages

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

11:30 am: Mamas & Papas

11:45 am: Confirmation Class

5:30 pm: Third Way Base Community Gathering

The Worship Leader this Week is Leslie Dauer-Creek*The Sanctuary Flowers Today are given by* Judith Olsen with blessings to family and HPC.*Birthdays this Week:* Zach Mount, Judith Olsen, Craig Hoon, Neil Plats, Suzanne Kennedy**Tuesdays Together in Lent: March 11-April 8, 6-8pm**

Each Tuesday evening during the Lenten Season, we will gather together to study and learn as a church community. Adults and teens are invited to meet at Heritage for potluck dinner, fellowship, and study. Childcare for younger children is available.

Tuesdays Together In

Lent

Join Pastor Sarah as we delve into what it looks like to live a life of radical discipleship as a follower of Jesus Christ. We will look at Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, while also considering what Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer had to say about being a committed Jesus follower while living under the oppression of Nazi Germany during World War II. This class will provide you with the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversation as we dig deeper into our Sunday morning scripture readings, reflect on supplemental material that explores Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from fresh perspectives, learn about the inspiring witness of Bonhoeffer, and consider how we might apply these things to our daily lives.

⇒ **6-7pm—Dinner:** We will have a weekly potluck supper. The church will provide a main entree, and we ask congregation members to provide a side dish or dessert.

⇒ **7-8pm—Study**

Sign up on the "LENT" bulletin board in the Atrium or use this link/QR Code.: <https://bit.ly/TuesdaysTogether2025>

**Children's Ministries is Having an "Eggstravaganza"**

Come and celebrate the Joy of Jesus!

Saturday, April 19, 10 am – Noon

Children (Preschool – 3rd Grade) and parents are invited to a time to hear the Easter Story, enjoy games, snack, and crafts. Invite friends to this great morning of fellowship.

Sign up in the Atrium or [https://bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/HPCEggstravaganza25)

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

OGHS fish banks and sharing calendars are available in the Atrium under the Children's Ministry bulletin board. 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 invite you to make a contribution, as an example of the Lenten discipline of service to others. We will return our offerings and fish banks to HPC on Palm Sunday, April 13.

Sandusky Mission Trip: June 4 – 8



We are beginning to plan our annual mission trip to the Sandusky Presbyterian Outreach Center. This year, we will include children who have completed 3rd grade – 7th grade. Please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org, if you would like to attend, or would like more information about this trip.

Sandwich Mission Update: Thursday, February 27, 2025

- ⇒ Sandwiches Delivered: 33,656
- ⇒ Sandwich Tower Height: 257 Stories
- ⇒ Weeks Delivered: 247
- ⇒ HPC Sandwich Missionaries: 48



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.



2025 Pledges & Gifts

Use this link to give online: <http://bit.ly/2Wjfb2m>

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