

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Handbells: *At the Cross* com. Hudson
arr. P. Cota
INTROIT 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*(vrs1&5) WAREHAM

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from John 12:26

One: From water to wilderness:
All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.
One: On stone and in hearts:
All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.
One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:
All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.
One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
All: for where he is, we would be also.

***HYMN 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

CALL TO CONFESSION from Rom. 4:21

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) from Mark 8:34-37

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not been
sincere Christians.
We claim to follow Jesus
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be disciples,
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for sincere repentance
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Rom. 4:24

One: Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust
that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. In
the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**
We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

***RESPONSE 581** GLORIA PATRI
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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING GENESIS 17:1-, 15-16
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 340 *This is My Song* FINLANDIA

SECOND READING MARK 8:31-38

SERMON "The Gospel According to Gunsmoke" Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 630** *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER page 35 in hymnal

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM from Mark 8:36
What will it profit us to gain the whole world
and forfeit our life?
With all humility let us make our offering to God,
trusting not in worldly gain, but in God's sustaining grace.

OFFERTORY *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Mark Hayes

TEN CENTS A MEAL OFFERING
(Any loose change or bills placed in the baskets as they are passed
will go toward feeding those in need)

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

***CHARGE & BEDICTION**

***BLESSING**

HYMN 543 *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (vrs.5)
GREEN TYLER

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

TODAY! @ 12:00pm - Presbyterian Women Luncheon
TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Mon., Feb. 26 @ 11:00am - PW Bible Study
Wed., Feb. 28 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Feb. 29 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Fri., March 1 @ 11:30am - Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evan's

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Mary Jones
Ushers.....Linda Bonardel & Erin Stephens
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Richard Wright
Coffee Plus.....Marci Randall

First Reading—Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Second Reading—Mark 8:31-38

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

The family of Bill Brinkley; Jenny Gilmore’s niece, Carrie Abbott; Lynn Cain; Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of Jan.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$9,915	\$11,985	\$9,915	\$11,985
Non-Pledged	\$4,236	\$3,289	\$4,236	\$3,286

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Linda Cook & Sandra Harris
Next Week.....Christie Adams

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Jon Burlew
Ushers.....Jimmy Salmon & Carol Wade
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Jo Salmon
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

Elders:

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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The Second Sunday in Lent



Tissot, James, 1836-1902. Get Thee Behind Me, Satan!, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57497> [retrieved February 22, 2024]. Original source: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Brooklyn_Museum_-_Get_Thee_Behind_Me_Satan_\(R%C3%A9tirez-toi_Satan\).-_James_Tissot.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Brooklyn_Museum_-_Get_Thee_Behind_Me_Satan_(R%C3%A9tirez-toi_Satan).-_James_Tissot.jpg).

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.