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Transfiguration of our Lord
Holy Communion
March 2, 2025
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

■ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen

- P The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of Healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy. Gracious God, we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
- P From the house of David, God raised up a mighty Savior.
- Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.
- Remembering the covenant, God delivered us from our enemies.
- Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.
- P Before God we are holy and righteous, free to worship without fear.
- Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.
- P With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.
- Amen

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



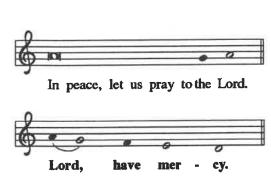
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GREETING

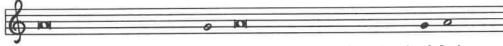
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- And also with you.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





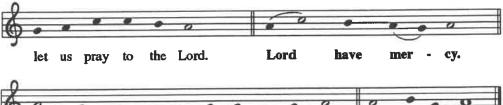
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from Exodus.

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand. Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with the LORD, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

¹ The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

² The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

³ Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's

footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶ Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord, they called upon you, and you answered them,

you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

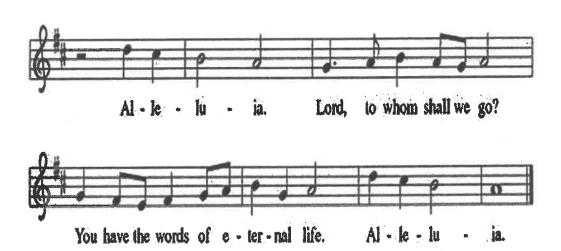
12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (cont'd)

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand for Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

(cont'd)

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw the glory of Jesus and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as the men were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met Jesus. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

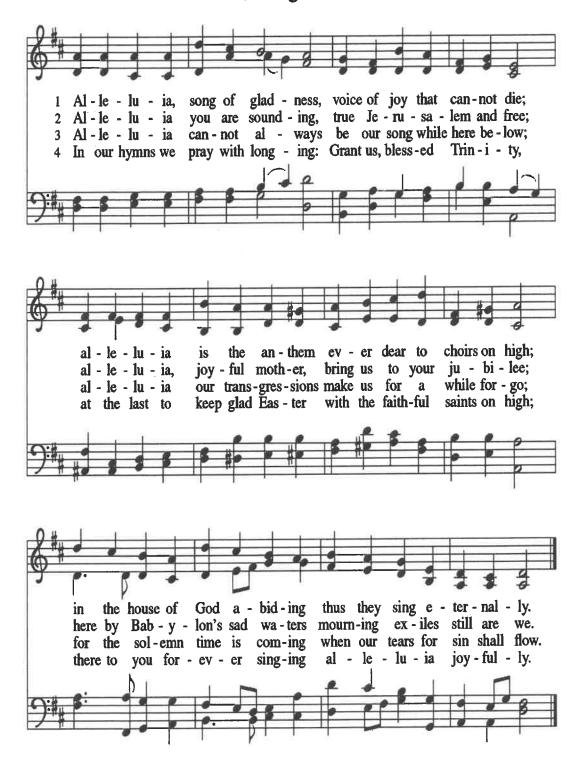
P The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit for Sermon

Stand

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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

THE PRAYERS

- P God of grace,
- hear our prayer.

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- And also with you.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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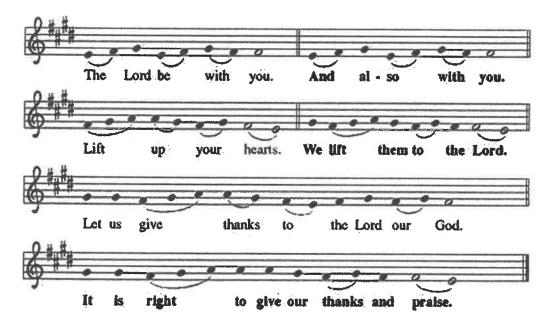
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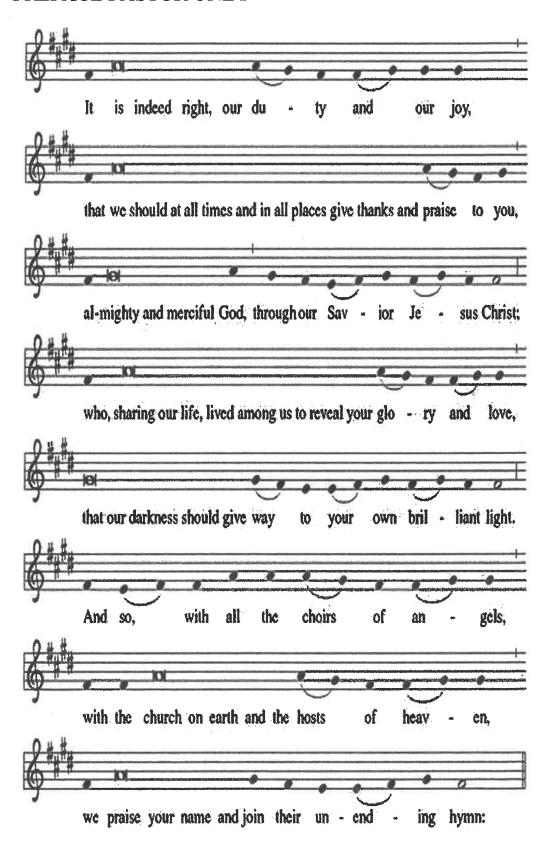
OFFERING PRAYER

- P God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.
- C Amen.

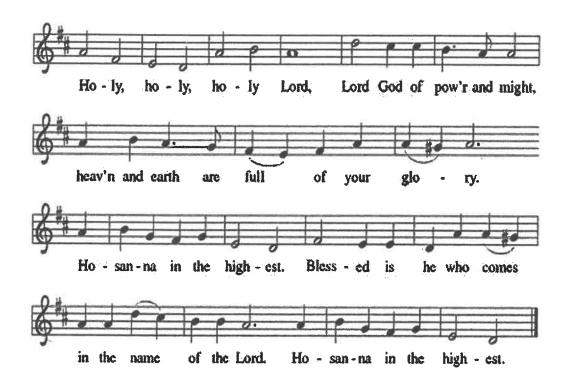
DIALOGUE



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Al-might-y Lord [do-sol-mi-do],

we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.

From before the earth's foundation,

you loved us and promised us life forever.

Within the earth's deep sadness,

we laud your great and glorious might.

Despite our tears and sinning,

we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morn-ing Star. [do-sol-mi-do]

Christ is our dia-mond bright,

our trea-sure dear. [do-sol-mi-do, sol-la-la-sol]

He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.

He keeps us yours and fails us never—

today, tomorrow, and every day.

On the night before his great salvation,

he took bread and gave thanks,

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

(cont'd)

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With joy we tell our story: Al-le-lu-ia! [sol-mi-sol-mi] [Assembly echoes:] Al-le-lu-ia! We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food. the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree. and enlighten us with your undying flame. We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning, our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love. And so we pray and praise: A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. [high do-sol-la-sol, fa-mi-re-do] [Assembly echoes:] A-men, a-men, a-men.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

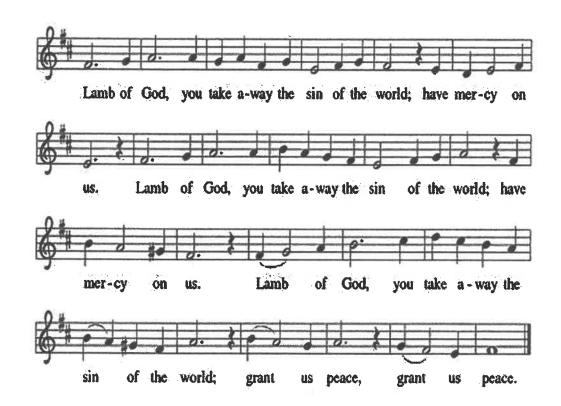
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

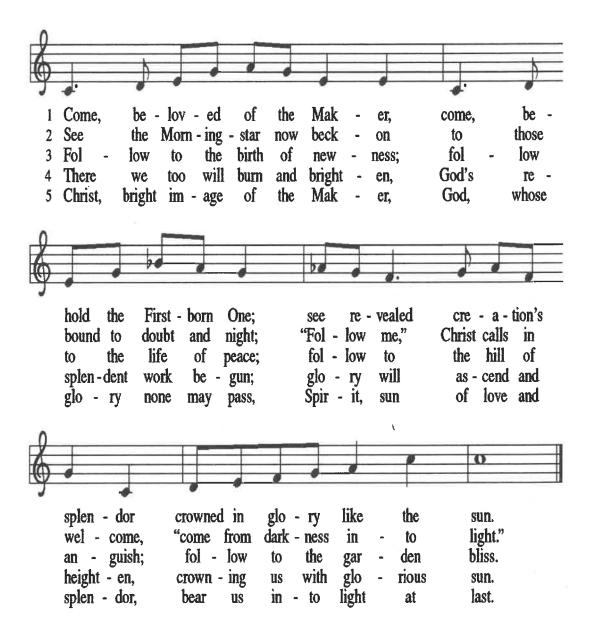
- P "Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the Cross".
- "Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia".

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.



Come, Beloved of the Maker



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Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



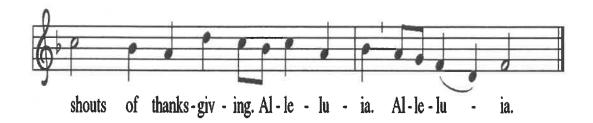
Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,
- C Amen.

BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

BLESSING

- The Spirit of the triune God

 → bless you with joy,
 anoint you with compassion,
 and send you in love.
- C Amen.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace. Live in hope.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!

* Michelle Bahlavooni *Roland Baker Sr *Kathy Brudnak*
Mike Deptula* David Ferro* Carl Frank *Adam Gajkowski *
Lisa Haley* Bonnie Haney *Jim Hess* Scott Hollenbach
*Joanne Johnson * Dave Madara *Cindy Miller *Vinnie
Moroney* Henry Reinsburrow * Vicky Remaley*Tammy
Roche* Ken Roush* Bonnie Swafford *Tom Termini* Mark
Troup * Marlene Trotman* Melissa Waltman* *Kathy
Whitesel* Ron Wolfe* Shirley Young*

THIS SUNDAY: MARCH 2, 2025

Outdoor Greeters: Ron & Glenda Brink
Greeters & Ushers: Linda Chapin & Carolyn Bahlavooni
Lector: Diane Young
Communion Assistant: Diane Young
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Gail Utt
Offering Counters: David Ferro, Don Bogert & Alison
Whitmoyer
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 5, 2025

Greeters & Ushers: Paul Zajac & Dan Comstock
Lector: Judy Ohl
Communion Assistant: Cindy Powlus
Altar Guild: Diane Young & Cindy Powlus
Offering Counters: Paul Zajac & Trystan Johnson
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: MARCH 9, 2025

Outdoor Greeters: Ron & Glenda Brink
Greeters & Ushers: Linda Chapin & Carolyn Bahlavooni
Lector: Diane Young
Communion Assistant: Diane Young
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Gail Utt
Offering Counters: Liz Shotwell & Carolyn Bahlavooni
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Michelle Bahlavooni In honor of my mother's birthday

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God by Carolyn Bahlavooni In memory of Jill Sherman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, at 1:00 PM, and Deitrich Bonhoeffer at 2:00 PM.

BELLS / CHOIR

Bell choir Thursday 6:00 PM, Vocal choir at 7:00 PM

FUTURE GRADUATES

If anyone knows of any High School or College students graduating this year, please let Diane Young know, or email her at mdyoung4@yahoo.com

SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday on March 4th, 6:00 PM. There will be a pancake Supper and burning of Palms. Sign up sheets are available on table.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, March 5th -12:00 PM at FUEL and 7:00 PM at St. John's.

HOAGIE SALES

Thursday, March 6th, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Order sheets and sign up sheets are available on the table. Payment due at pickup. All hoagies will contain onions which are packed separately. Ham & Turkey \$8.00 and American \$9.00. All orders due by Wednesday, February 26th.

LENTEN SOUP/SANDWICH

First Lenten meal will be held at St. John's on Sunday, March 9th, at 6:00 PM. We will be following a schedule with St. John's hosting March 9th, March 23rd, and April 6th. Faith United will host on March 16th and March 30th.

CHICKEN AND WAFFLES

Our next Chicken & Waffle Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22nd from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Sign up sheets on the the table in the sanctuary.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday, March 2, 2025

Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, Mar 3, 2025 Office Hours 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Mar 4, 2025 Office Hours-Pastor in 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Shrove Tuesday 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Mar 5, 2025 Office Hours 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Ash Wed Service 12:00 PM FUEL 7:00 PM St. John's

Thursday, Mar 6, 2025
Office Hours-Pastor in
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Bible Study/ Bonhoeffer
1:00 PM/ 2:00 PM
Hoagie Pickup
2:00 to 5:00 PM
Bells / Choir
6:00 PM / 7:00 PM

Friday Mar 7, 2025 Office closed

Saturday, Mar 8, 2025 Office closed

Sunday, Mar 9, 2025 First Sunday in Lent Girl Scout Sunday Gathering Time

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Last Sunday Attendance: 37

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$2,640.00 Benevolence: \$135.00 New Building: \$380.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 1,842.00 Benevolence: \$129.00 New Building: \$299.00

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