

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Those who are able, please stand.
Please silence cell phones.
Please sign the blue friendship pad at the end of the pew.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming Of The Hour (Prepare your hearts for worship)

Welcome

One: "The Lord be with you."
All: **"And also with you."**

*Call to Worship (Psalm 23)

One: The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

All: **God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.**

One: God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

All: **Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.**

*Hymn 314 *"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"*
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Prayer of Confession (John 3, Ephesians 5)

All: **Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace.**

(silent confession)

One: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 23 p. 474
Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14 p. 183
Gospel: John 9:1-41 p. 96

Sermon Rev. J. David Jordan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: (The 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, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of The People and 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.

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606

Prayer of Dedication (Ephesians 5)

All: **In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn 490 *"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"*
BEACH SPRING

SENT FORTH TO SERVE

Announcements

*Charge and Blessing

*Chorus

"Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love. There is only one God, there is only one King, and there is only one body; that is why we sing. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love."

Please greet each other as you leave with these words:
"Grace to you."

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, March 17

12:30 p.m. Grace March Ladies Luncheon
Who: Hosted by Joan Davis and Nancy Martin.
When: Tuesday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), 12:30 p.m.
Where: Nancy Martin's home (5 minutes from the church) at 88 River Mill Lane, in Howser Mill Development, Dawsonville
RSVP: Nancy Martin by text (253.203.5179) or by email at marttwo@comcast.net.

All Grace Women (and guests) are most welcome!

Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, March 29 11:00 a.m. *Palm Sunday Service*
Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m. *Maundy Thursday Service*
Friday, April 3 12:00 p.m. *Good Friday Service*
Sunday, April 5 9:30 a.m. *Easter Breakfast*
11:00 a.m. *Easter Service / One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received*

Sundays

9:30 a.m. Bible Study - Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from Romans*.

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. Ladies of Grace Bible Study - The book we are studying for Lent is *The Last Week* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Updated directories are available in the parlor.

Liturgist: Chuck Achuff

Ushers: Jane Miller, Bob and Peggy Thornton

Refreshments: Barbara Quintrell

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Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!
Grace is a church for the community, and all of God's people are welcome here.

In Our Prayers: John and Susan Adams (Marsha Loftin), Anna (Kristi Deutz), Susan Atkins, Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, the Barnes Family - Carey and his son Baron (Mary Ann Sheehy), Helen UHarotai Bartal (Kellie Dixon), Kenneth Behrens (Karen Permenter), Bill and Sandy (Dan Scott), Gretchen Blackwell, Teresa Bright, Carmen, Cathy (Kristi Deutz), Trey Courtney, Patricia Crain (Ruth Ann Ball), Darren (Chris Yarbrough), Karen Davenport, Joan and Randy Davis, Mary Delasota (Bob Thornton), Jared Dixon, Jared Mike Eason (Joey), Bettie Fore, Marvin Fuller (Kelly), Bill Hambright (Jim and Margie), Jim Hambright, Patrick Hawkins family (Shirley), Dustin Heard's family, Margaret Hunt (Jim Hambright), Robert Hunt (Jim Hambright), Irena (Gretchen Blackwell), Robert Ivy, Jenna (Reece Neidlinger), John Joh, Cindy Johnson (Amanda Herrit), Doug Jones (Margie O'Byrne), Joyce (Dan Scott), Julia (Kristi Deutz), Justin (Carmen), Cliff Kelley (Andy), Sharra Kelley, Cynthia Kodua, Shelby Lee, Linda (Jaycey), Martha's Family (Dan Scott), Marty (Sherry), Reed Maurer, Ron McElliott (Jessica Johns), Anna McQuilken (Kristi Deutz), Jane Miller, John Murray (Betty Banks), Eric Nelson (Katie), Mrs. Nichols (Lynette), Mike Norton, Margie O'Byrne, Joan Palazzolo, Kay Parrish, Day Perez (Lynette Steritz), Betty Powell, Mandy Power, Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Roman Ryan (Marsha), Sally (Kelly), Chris Seese, Kathy Silvio (Marsha Loftin), Nancy Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Mel Smith (Margie), Jacob Stone (Nancy McCue), Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Brad and Colleen Taylor, Thomas (Kelly), Viviana Torres, the family of John Trammel (Emma Teems), Trudy (Sandy), Virginia (Kelly), Carol Watkins, Bill and Sherry Weeks, Crystal Weiler (Chris Seese), Lynn Wessinger (Hampton Bishop), Sandra White, Wilma & her husband (Sandy), Desi Witten (Richard)

Assisted Living: Sandy Grimes

Sympathy: The family of Lisa Conn, the family of Gov. Jim Hunt, the family of John Scoggins, the family of David Sheehy

Elders : Andy Clemons, Betty Powell, Shirley Schmelzinger, Gene Seese, Lynette Steritz, and Bob Thornton

Clerk of Session: Dan Schmelzinger

Deacons: Jerry Atkins, Jane Miller, Barbara Quintrell, Christine Seese, Richard Smith, and Priscilla Taylor

Nominating Committee: Bonnie Fry, Christy Jordan, Kristie Myers, Betty, Powell, Barbara Quintrell, Mary Ann Sheehy, and Nathan Steritz



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