

Berwyn Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

* **Doxology 607** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Genevan Psalter*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication *Rev. Ulmer*

THE SENDING

* **Hymn GG 775** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me *WALK WITH ME*

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Response** I Will Trust in the Lord *TRUST IN THE LORD*

*I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.*

* **Postlude** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *ST. ANNE*

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THE GATHERING

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.
Please remember to turn off your cell phones for worship.
* indicates please stand if you are able. Congregation reads words in **bold**.
GG indicates Glory to God Hymnal found in the pews.*

This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, and you may appear on our Facebook page channel.

Prelude A New Commandment Michael Ward

Ringling of the Hour

Prelude Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley *LONESOME VALLEY*

Welcome

* **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 91)

Where is our home?

Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

How can this be our refuge?

Because God's angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.

How can we flourish?

Staying close to God's ways will bring our lives to holy abundance.

Let us worship God!

* **Hymn GG 43** You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord *ON EAGLE'S WINGS*

* **Call to Confession**

* **Prayer of Confession**

God of wide circles, we too often revert to our fear-filled instinct to cut off those unfamiliar and distant. May we evaluate others based on your heart. In Romans, you remind us when we lean into your kin-dom agenda, our worldview is expanded to focus on our common humanity. May we embrace your created diversity and include all in our cherished life's work.

*** Assurance of Pardon** (based on Romans 10)
Everyone. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Having called upon the wide arms of our gracious God, know that you are forgiven.
With joy, may we amplify God's grace into the whole world. Amen!

*** The Peace**
May the peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
(Please share the peace with a few neighbors.)

*** Welcome Song** You're Welcome in the Name of the Lord *Traditional Cameroon*
You're welcome in the name of the Lord. You're welcome in the name of the Lord,
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, you're welcome in the name of the Lord.
We love you in the name of the Lord. We love you in the name of the Lord,
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, we love you in the name of the Lord.

*(Visitors, welcome, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.
Prayer request cards will be collected later in the service, please prepare them ahead of time.)*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Lesson Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.



Message for Children

Rev. Ulmer

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:1-13
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.



Sermon Temptation and When Faith Becomes Transactional *Rev. Holly Ulmer*

*** Hymn GG 783** When We Are Tested *ANGELS OF HEALING*

Affirmation of Faith (adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional*
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.

THE THANKSGIVING

Announcements

Call for the Offering

In our deliverance and abundance, we are asked to use the first fruits of our labor to build the kin-dom.
Let us be prayerful about how we may give our bounty to our benevolent God.

(The Ushers will collect the offering, or feel free to give in other ways listed in the bulletin insert.)