



*“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that  
comes from the mouth of God”*

*Matthew 4:4*

Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

## Sunday Service – February 22, 2026

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts      *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* by Williams

Welcome

Call to Worship –

By the voice of our God, we are called to observe a holy Lent.

**Will our Lenten observance be holy if we forgo worldly pleasures?**

Will our Lenten observance be holy if we spend more time in prayer?

**If we open our hearts to God, such observances can be holy.**

A holy Lent emerges from contrite and humble hearts.

**Lord, give us the grace to have contrite and humble hearts.**

Opening Hymn #619 *“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”*

Call to Confession – 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession –

**Holy God, in life and in death, you are our hope and salvation. All that is good, just and loving is your gift of life given to bless our lives and free us from the disasters that we create when we seek to be our own hope and salvation. We confess that we have authored cruelty, violence, despair and hopelessness by believing that we can and must take your place in our search for peace, safety and happiness. We confess that we are quick to blame others for the troubles of this life while being slow to see where we have gone astray.**

Lord, forgive all that we have allowed to enter our hearts that is not of your giving. In these days of Lent, lead us with Christ to the Cross of atonement and to the Easter morning of eternal life.

*Time for silent confession*

### **Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8**

Leader: Hear the good news of the Gospel. Nothing, including our sin and doubt, has the power to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. In all things, God forgives us, teaches us, befriends us and leads us to new life in Christ. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”**

#### **Passing the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

#### **Children’s Message**

#### **Time for Music & Meditation**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Let us pray: God of Light and Truth: you alone have the words of eternal life. You alone know the aching within our hearts. By your Spirit, enter into these words of scripture to shed light in those places of darkness within us and speak truth to the falsehoods that claim our loyalty. **Amen.**

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

**Choir Anthem #618 “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”**

**Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11**

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Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Message

*The Problem*

### **Affirmation of Faith: The 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; 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response #450 “*Be Thou My Vision*”

## Prayers of the People & 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.

## Call to Offering

In all things, God has given us the good gift of life in Christ. With thankful hearts, we give to Christ's work of grace and love through the ministry and mission of our church. Let us joyfully present our church's offering to God.

Offertory                      *Psalm 86 - Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me* arr. by Smith

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. God of Truth and Grace: by your Son Jesus Christ, you have called us to share in your reconciling work in the world. You have called us to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. As you receive this morning's offering, receive our commitment to the work of Christ in the world and fill that commitment with Christ's love for all the world. **Amen.**

## Announcements

Closing Hymn #166 "*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*"

## Charge & Benediction

Postlude                      *How Majestic Is Your Name!* by Smith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sandy's Examination:** Sandy's big day is on February 28th, 10:00 AM, at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 12550 Brooks School Rd., Fishers. Space is limited, the registration is on the home page at [www.whitewatervalley.org](http://www.whitewatervalley.org). If you have issues with the registration, you can also try calling Dawn at 317.923.3681.

**Annual Lenten Study:** Grace's annual Lenten Bible study begins Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The weekly study runs each Wednesday of Lent, 5:30-6:30 PM. There will be a thirty-minute fellowship time before the start time (at 5:00 PM). Those attending are encouraged to bring their dinners to eat during that time.

This is a book study. We've already ordered books, but we can get you a copy if you would still like to join us. Contact Holly for more information.

**Session Reports:** If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Justin no later than Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. That's next Thursday. Also, a reminder that our next Session will be meeting March 1<sup>st</sup>, not our usual third Sunday.

**Newsletter:** If you have any photos, reports, or other items for our March newsletter, please get them to Justin in the church office no later than Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. That's next Thursday.

**Save the Date-Ordination:** Sandy's ordination is set for March 15th, at 3 PM.

**Updated Directory:** The new 2026 directories in the narthex.

**2026 Per Capita:** The new PCUSA 2026 per capita is now \$46.02. Check or money can be given to JoAnn or placed in the offering plate with notice of what it's intended for.

### Birthdays

Aaron Bowers - February 23

Damian Polk - February 25

Tom Monnier - February 27

Nathan Bausser - February 28

### Anniversaries

## ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

### **Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting**

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

### **Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting**

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468      ***Password:*** 030414

### **Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)**

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

***Phone Number:*** (301) 715-8592 ***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468      ***Password:*** 030414

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears  
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

TEXT: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's Center, 1974  
MUSIC: John Goss, 1869  
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LAUDA ANIMA  
8.7.8.7.8.7

# Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Henry W. Gaetano, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Gaetano)

## 450

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F<sup>♯</sup>) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F<sup>♯</sup>m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F<sup>♯</sup>) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures here below; praise \*him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.' The asterisk indicates an alternative word 'God'.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

\*Or "God"

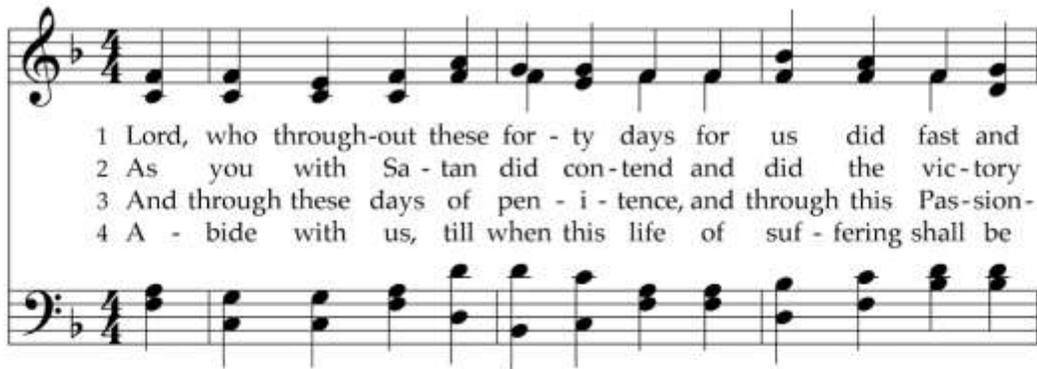
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MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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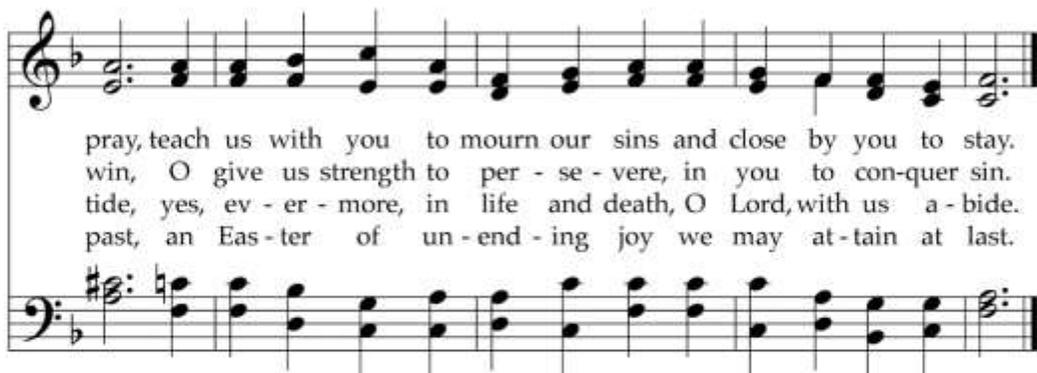
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# Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory  
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -  
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.  
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.