



What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed in God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Romans 4:3

Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – March 1, 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 *Lamentation by Peterson*

Welcome

Call to Worship –

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

When Abram was called to go, he did not know the destination.

Yet he trusted the One who called him.

When we journey through uncertain seasons—

God goes before us.

God neither slumbers nor sleeps.

The Lord is our keeper. Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Call to Confession –

Trust does not come easily to us. We want maps, guarantees, and control.

Yet God calls us into faith—not fear. Let us bring before God the places where we struggle to trust, knowing that the One who keeps us also receives us with mercy.

Prayer of Confession –

Gracious and faithful God, You call us to step forward in trust,

yet we cling to what feels safe. You promise presence, yet we fear being alone.

You speak of blessing, yet we doubt there is enough grace for us. Forgive us for the ways we resist your call. Forgive us when fear shapes our decisions more than faith. Forgive us when we measure ourselves by achievement

instead of resting in your promise. Like Abram, teach us to walk by trust. Like the psalmist, teach us to lift our eyes. Like Paul reminds us, root us again in grace. In your mercy, steady our steps. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Hear the good news: Abraham was counted righteous not because he proved himself, but because he trusted the promise. Our standing with God does not depend on perfection. It rests on grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we are invited forward.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #583 “Gloria to God”

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: Faithful God, as we hear your Word, open our hearts to trust where we have doubted, to step forward where we have hesitated, and to see your promise even when the road is unclear. By your Spirit, make your Word living and active in us. **Amen.**

Hebrew Bible: Psalm 121

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1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Choir Anthem #440 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Gospel – Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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4 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? 2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. 3 What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. 5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

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 #45 “*I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes*”

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(Ask congregation for any prayers to be lifted up)

Faithful God

You are our keeper—

in the day and in the night,
in certainty and in change.

We pray for your Church during this Lenten season.

Teach us again what it means to trust your promises
and to walk by faith.

We pray for those facing uncertain paths—

those discerning new beginnings,
those carrying heavy burdens,
those longing for direction.

Lift their eyes toward hope.

We pray for families seeking stability,

for communities longing for peace,
and for all who feel alone in their journey.

Be their steady presence.

We pray for this congregation,
as we step forward together in a new season.

Make us a people shaped not by fear,
but by grace and promise.

We pray as we were taught to pray...

Our Father... (Lord's Prayer)

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

God called Abraham not only to receive a blessing, but to be a blessing. The gifts we offer today are part of that calling. Through them, this church becomes a place of hope, welcome, and steady presence. As God has blessed us, let us offer ourselves and our resources for the sake of the world.

Offertory *Classical Toccata* by James

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

Prayer of Dedication –

Let us pray. Generous God, You have blessed us with more than we can measure—promise, presence, provision. As Abraham trusted your call, teach us to trust you with what we have. Receive these gifts. Use them to bless others. Make us, like Abraham, a blessing in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life by Gardiner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Lenten Study: Grace's annual Lenten Bible study begins Wednesday, February 25th. 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. Study materials provided.

Session: Grace Session to meet following the service.

Save the Date-Ordination: Sandy's ordination is set for March 15th, at 3 PM. There is a reception planned following the service. We are looking for volunteers to help with the set up, serving, and take down. If you can help, please let Tammy know.

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

Peggy Mahoney - March 5

Judy Belis - March 8

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Anniversaries

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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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes 45

(Psalm 121)

1 I to the hills will lift my eyes; from
 2 God will not let your foot be moved; your
 3 Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your
 4 From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro -

whence shall come my aid? My help is from the
 guard - ian nev - er sleeps; God's watch - ful and un -
 shel - ter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by
 vide for all your need. Your go - ing out, your

Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth has made.
 slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
 day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
 com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

Although the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 121 draws heavily on 17th-century Scottish psalters, most of this version dates from the early 20th century. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned for use with a specific psalm.

TEXT: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909, alt.
 MUSIC: Scottish Psalter, 1615

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 (alternate harmonization, 30)

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al - might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

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mur-mur stilled:
all is right:
cho-sen band: to God all praise and glo-ry!
take your part:

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