



In this season of Lent, Christ meets us in our need and leads us toward life. This week, Christ meets us in our thirst and offers living water.

Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN
March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent
Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – March 8, 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 *I Surrender All* by Weeden

Welcome

Call to Worship –

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving and praise the One who gives us life.

When we are weary and thirsty—

Christ meets us at the well.

When our hearts feel dry—

Christ offers living water.

Come, let us worship the Lord, our Maker and our Shepherd.

Opening Hymn #386 “Come, Worship God”

Call to Confession –

Psalm 95 reminds us not to harden our hearts. Yet often we come carrying distractions, assumptions, and self-reliance. Christ meets us with grace, not condemnation. Let us confess honestly, trusting in the mercy of God.

Prayer of Confession –

Gracious and life-giving God, We confess that we try to satisfy our thirst with things that do not last. We seek comfort without transformation, certainty without trust, and worship without surrender. At times, our hearts grow resistant—slow to listen, slow to love, slow to receive your gift. Forgive us. Meet us again at the well of your mercy. Soften what has hardened within

us. Open us to the living water that only Christ can give. In your grace, renew us. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Hear the good news: Jesus did not turn away the woman at the well. He did not shame her thirst. He met her with truth and living water. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, new life springs up within us. Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be 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: Holy Spirit, As we hear your Word, draw us deeper. Where we are thirsty, refresh us. Where we are distracted, focus us. Where we are guarded, soften us. Speak to us through Scripture, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth. **Amen.**

Hebrew Bible: Psalm 95

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- 1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

3 For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
7 for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.
Today, if only you would hear his voice,
8 “Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,[a]
as you did that day at Massah[b] in the wilderness,
9 where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
10 For forty years I was angry with that generation;
I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they have not known my ways.’
11 So I declared on oath in my anger,
‘They shall never enter my rest.’”

Choir Anthem #32 *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

Gospel – John 4:5-42

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5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

17 “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

21 “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans

worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

26 Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

33 Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. 36 Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. 37 Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. 38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers.

42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

Message

Christ Meets Us at the Well of Our Need

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 #666 "*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(Ask congregation for any prayers to be lifted up)

Faithful God,

You are the source of living water.

You know the places in us that are dry and weary.

We pray for your Church during this Lenten season—

that we would not harden our hearts,

but listen for your voice.

We pray for those who are thirsty—
for meaning,
for belonging,
for hope.
Meet them gently.

We pray for those carrying hidden burdens,
for those who feel unseen,
for those standing at their own wells of uncertainty.
Draw near to them.

We pray for our community,
that Grace may be a place
where living water flows freely—
a place of welcome, truth, and compassion.

Lead us from thirst toward life.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who meets us and calls us forward.

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

At the well, Jesus offered living water freely. We do not give today to earn grace, but because grace has already been given. Trusting the One who provides, let us offer our gifts with gratitude and hope.

Offertory

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded by Hassler

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

Prayer of Dedication –

Let us pray. Generous God, You have given us water in the wilderness and mercy in our need. Receive these gifts. Use them to bring refreshment to a thirsty world. Make us channels of your grace, that others may encounter Christ through us. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #451 “*Open My Eyes, That I May See*”

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Epilogue by Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Lenten Study: Grace’s annual Lenten Bible study meets each Wednesday through 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.

Grace’s Easter Egg Hunt Returns: We’re hosting another Easter event for our friends and community. The fun will be on April 4th, at 10:00 AM. We are currently looking for candy donations (there’s a bin in the narthex) and volunteers. Find Todd for more information.

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 setup, serving, and take down. If you can help, please let Tammy know.

Just Neighbors: The week of March 8th through 13th, Grace is again catering dinner for the clients at Just Neighbors. If you would like to help with this ministry in the future, please reach out to Betsy Kachmar.

Congregational Care Network: We're partnering with IU Health in a new program to support the individuals in our community who are homebound. Through this ministry, volunteers will make weekly one-hour phone calls or check-ins to offer companionship and encouragement. It's a simple commitment that can make a meaningful difference in someone's week. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact a member of the MOE Committee or Pastor Sandy for more information.

Updated Directory: The new 2026 directories in the narthex.

Birthdays

Judy Bellis - March 8

Becky Barnett - March 9

Jackson Palmer - March 14

Ann Bausser - March 15

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Anniversaries

Robert & Carol Fahrenbach

March 12, 1966

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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

Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)



1 Come, wor-ship God, who is wor-thy of hon-or;
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun-tains;
 3 We are your peo-ple, the sheep of your pas-ture;
 4 Now let us lis-ten, for you speak a-mong us;

en-ter God's pres-ence with thanks and a song!
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 you are our Mak-er, and to you we pray.
 o-pen our hearts to re-ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo-ple's sal-va-tion
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 Glad-ly we kneel in o-be-dience be-fore you;
 Peace be to all who re-mem-ber your good-ness,

to whom our ju-bi-lant prais-es be-long.
 God a-bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
 great is the one whom we wor-ship this day!
 trust in your word, and re-joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright 666

1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
 2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your
 3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as
 4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age

ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's
 ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
 clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide
 to our heart is born; O may we ev - er

liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing;
 hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
 shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.
 clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

This morning hymn is based on a Latin text attributed to a 4th-century bishop. It weaves various images of Christ as Light with light-based descriptions of each day's passing. It is set to a dance-like tune from at least the 15th century that enhances the energy in the text.

TEXT: Ambrose of Milan, c. 374; trans. composite
 MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

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 (alternate harmonization, 67)

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

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