

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, February 8 - Souper Bowl of Caring

- 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 a.m. - Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. - **Annual Congregational Meeting**
- 11:30 a.m. - Brunch hosted by the Men's Council

### Monday, February 9

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, February 10

- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in the Crossroads Classroom
- 7:15 p.m. - Worship Committee will meet in the Enquiry Classroom

### Wednesday, February 11

- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 15

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

### Monday, February 16

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, February 17

- 7:15 p.m. - Joint Officers Stated Meeting - side room of Wilbanks Hall

### Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Worship Service
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 22

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

### Monday, February 23

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Wednesday, February 25

- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, March 1

The **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be observed at both services

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

### Monday, March 2

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 3

- 9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle
- 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Night Circle

### Wednesday, March 4

- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Due to inclement weather this past weekend, the Session has agreed that it would be in our best interest that we change the originally scheduled meeting. The new meeting time will be at **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 8**. We will have **Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.** and a **combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting**. After the congregational meeting the Men's Council will host a brunch for all. It is important to have as many members at the meeting as possible in order to form a quorum.



On Sunday, February 8 the L.I.F.E. Youth will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations. All Contributions will be given to Sharing Life.

Won't you help us Tackle Hunger and score a goal in our area for those in need in 2026.

**Elder Sign-up Sheet has been posted in the hall by Rev. Doughton's Office. Please sign-up today!**

**SIGN UP**



**The 2025 Contribution Reports are available in the Welcome Center. Please stop by and pickup yours today.**

**We are grateful for your generosity throughout the year. May 2026 be a prosperous and productive year for God's Kingdom.**

### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor  
 Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist & Pianist  
 Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant  
 Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

February 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

### About the Cover Picture

Job had some friends...bless their hearts, they meant well. Today we will look at what to do and what not to do as a friend. We will also gain some other biblical insights as well.

## Proverbs

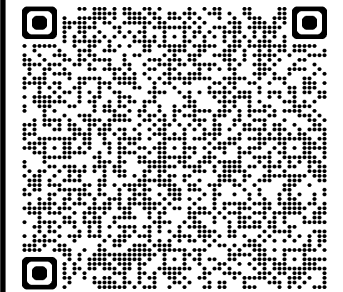
I show people how wisdom will keep you safe, happy and prosperous.

Job

Ecclesiastes

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Ash Wednesday  
— Lent Begins

Wednesday, February 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

The [Reformed Church in America](#), describes Ash Wednesday as a day "focused on prayer, fasting, and repentance."

May we begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and our need for the love and forgiveness shown to us in Jesus Christ. I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a Holy Lent, by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by practicing works of love, and by reading and reflecting on God's Holy Word.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Improvisation on Llanfair* Steven Scott

INTROIT 443 (v.1) *There Is a Redeemer* Margaret W. Mealy  
There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 84:1, 5, 12*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**And also to you.**

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! Happy are those whose strength are in You, For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.

\*HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, this morning we bring You our confession. We confess we have gone astray. Shepherd us, Lord. We confess we often love You half-heartedly. Make us whole, Lord. We confess we trivialize Your sacrifice. Give us perspective, Lord. We confess we find most of our strength in ourselves. Be our strength, Lord. We confess little zeal for Your glory. Give us passion, Lord. We confess we've done so many things wrong. Forgive us, Lord. We confess we often don't love You well. Love us, Lord. Hear our prayers, O Lord. We ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, who exchanges our confession for abundant life in Him. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

MOMENT FOR MISSION Souper Bowl of Caring

ANTHEM *A Jubilant Song* Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
Chancel Choir  
Cantate Domino canticum novum.  
Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!  
Cantate Domino canticum novum omnis terra.  
Sing to the Lord all the earth!  
Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands!  
Let the hills sing together for joy!  
Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice,  
For the Lord is greatly to be praised!  
(continued)

Proclaim God's salvation!  
Declare God's great glory!  
Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise!  
Cantate Domino canticum novum.  
Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!  
Cantate Domino canticum novum omnis terra,  
Sing to the Lord all the earth!  
Sing to the Lord all the earth!  
O sing! Cantate Domino.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing God, as we hear Your Word read and preached, may we hear today Your special message to us, may we gain insight for the week ahead, and may we see Your larger purposes for our lives in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Job 2:11-13, 42:1-2, 5-6*

Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Then Job answered the Lord: "I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 11:35*

Jesus began to weep.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 12:15*

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

\*HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

SERMON *What to Do - and What not to Do* Rev. Doughton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Adoration* Mark Hayes  
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

\*HYMN 697 *Take My Life*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 709 *God, We Honor You* James E Clemens  
God, we honor You. God, we trust in You.  
God, we worship and adore You.  
Take what we bring, offered to you.  
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

POSTLUDE *Take My Life* arr. Penny Rodriguez

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Elders # - Sheryl Miller**  
**Deacon/Ushers † - John Futrell, Campbell Futrell, Mary Lee Doughton, and Elna Singleton**