

Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Reflection

C.S. Lewis

*"Don't shine so others can see you.
Shine so that through you, others can see Him."*

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song

How Lovely, Lord

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place.
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest,
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

Many: The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?

One: We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide your face from us!

Many: Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!

One: Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.

Many: We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!

Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

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Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you. Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ, we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

One: With thanksgiving, we rejoice in the reconciliation found in the forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ. Let us therefore be reconciled with our neighbors and share signs of Christ's peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

THE WORD

Children's Time

Stu's Corner: *Reflecting Jesus*

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Merciful God, open us to your Word and your way. Help us to seek you, your truth, and the message you intend for us today.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 27

Anthem

Sharon's Song

Donald E. Allured

Alleluia Bells

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Sermon

"The Lord is My Light"

Pastor Susan Frost

"The Lord is my light and my salvation..."

Psalms 27:1

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn

O God of Light, May Our Light Shine

Insert

Affirmation of Faith

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

All: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of

life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Blessing of the Offering

All: God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies # 462

Charge

Leader: Wait for the Lord. Be strong. Let your heart take courage.

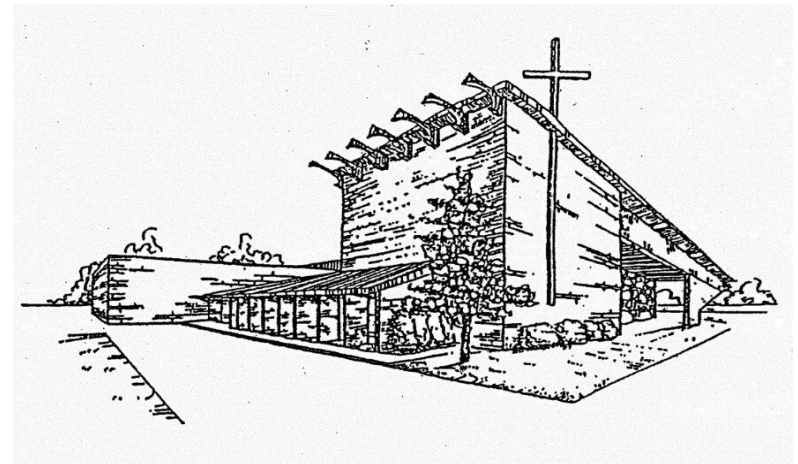
Sung Response May the God of Hope Go with Us Insert

Benediction

Leader: May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you now and always.
Amen.

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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living and sharing the love of God
through faith and action,
welcoming all.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. You can live-stream at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
2. ADULT ED. - Following the worship service in Room 9/10
- We will spend the month using the book *Into the Mess*, looking at:
This week: "A Crucified God" - *Matthew 27* (p. 177)
Next week: "Father, Forgive Them" - *Luke 23:39-43* (p. 181)
3. THE APRIL PATHWAY DEADLINE is Thursday, March 20th. Please bring your articles to the church office or email articles to both jchippero@websterpres.org and g Hubbard@websterpres.org.
4. THERE WILL BE AN ORGAN RECITAL in our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 23rd at 3:00 pm. Come listen as Kat shares with us the selections she will be performing at her upcoming senior recital. The concert is open to all and free of charge.
5. WPC POTLUCK DINNER & TALENT SHOW is March 22nd at 4:30 pm. Please bring a place setting for each person attending (plate, fork, knife, spoon, and small dessert plate). Everything else is provided.
6. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY COORDINATOR – We continue to be in need of a new coordinator for our twice-per-year highway clean-up effort. If another coordinator is not identified, this long-standing program will be coming to an end. To volunteer or to learn what this involves, contact Mark Pipal at 585-690-7217 or pipalmw@yahoo.com.
7. A \$500 DONATION to assist the victims of the California fires is being sent from the church. If you would like to add to that total, please make a donation to WPC and it will be added to this effort.
8. PLEASE USE LIDS on your cups when bringing coffee or cocoa into the Sanctuary to avoid stains on the carpet from spills. Thank you.

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Memory Verse

*Again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."*

John 8:12

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 16

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion in Room 9/10
Family Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Memorial Room

Monday, March 17

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Meeting on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, March 18

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, March 19

- 6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 4:00 P.M. 200 Anniversary Planning Meeting on Zoom
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 625 in the Social Room
ONE in Christ Meeting on Zoom

Thursday, March 20 – Pathway Deadline

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Committee Meeting in the Memorial Room

Friday, March 21

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Study on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. Martin Wedding in the Chapel

Saturday, March 22

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
- 10:00 A.M. Girl Scout Troops 715 and 195 in the Memorial Room
- 4:30 P.M. Church Potluck Supper & Talent Show in the Social Room

Sunday, March 23

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion in Room 9/10
- 3:00 P.M. Organ Recital in the Sanctuary