

# Celebration of Worship

## Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

9:30 A.M.

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

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

### Reflection

C.S. Lewis

“To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that He says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to Him, it must follow that you are trying to obey Him. But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already.”

### Ringling of the Bell

### Gathering Song

*Create in Me*

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### Call to Worship

Leader: Into life's challenges and questions comes the Mystery of God,

**People: and God's truth opens our eyes.**

Leader: Into our routines and rituals walks the presence of Christ,

**People: and God's love brings healing and hope.**

Leader: Into our traditions and conclusions blows the wind of the Spirit,

**People: and God's people are born from above.**

Leader: We gather in Jesus' name to encounter God's grace and glory.

**People: Let us worship God with open hearts and minds.**

### Hymn

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

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### Prayer of Adoration

Leader: God of majesty and mercy, Christ, both Lord and Servant, Spirit of new life, your mystery embraces the vast reaches of the universe and yet you are present with us in the course of our daily lives. Even the tiniest spark of your wisdom illuminates the greatest complexities. With the smallest gesture of your love, you renew our hope. Deepen our sense of your holy presence this day. Assure us that your love will never let us go. We offer our praise and our prayers this day to you, Holy God, Holy One and Holy Three, with humble hearts and faith that seeks understanding.

### Prayer of Confession

**People: God of mystery and mercy, we confess that we prefer simple certainty to seeking deeper understanding. We settle for what we know, ignoring our doubts and questions.**

**Forgive us when our faith falters because what we think no longer satisfies. Open our eyes to the truth you hold out to us in Christ, and give us courage to rethink what we have assumed about you and your love for the world.**

### Time of Reflection

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Apostle Paul declared that from now on, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Thanks be to God for love that gives us all a new start this very day.

### Gloria Patri

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### Passing of the Peace

### Children's Message

### Prayer for Understanding

**All: God of Wisdom, we turn to Scripture to listen and learn. Send your Holy Spirit to help us listen carefully so that we hear what we have not heard before and learn to follow Christ with deeper understanding and renewed commitment. Amen.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

### Anthem

*"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*

Todd Marchand

Chancel Choir

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading

*John 3:1-17*

### Sermon

Reverend Russ Roth

### Hymn

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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### Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Our lives are blessed with the goodness that comes from God. Let us trust that goodness to sustain us and offer God our gifts with glad hearts to share with the world in need.

### Prayer of Dedication

**All: Generous God, we offer our gifts to you in gratitude for all that we have received in Christ and in creation. Bless our gifts and our lives so that we can share in the building up of your kingdom in the world you love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### Doxology

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## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, our duty and our joy, to give you thanks and praise, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters; you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we wandered from your ways, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, who called your people to return to your ways of faithfulness. In every age, your Spirit inspired us to seek after you. Therefore, with your people from all places and times, and with the whole creation, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise:

**People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy God, blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan, your Spirit descended upon him, declaring him your Beloved. With your Spirit upon him, he turned away from temptation. You anointed him to preach good news to the poor, and announce that the time had come when you would save your people. Through his suffering, death and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church and welcomed us in by water and the Spirit. When Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always. Remembering your history with us throughout all generations, we take this bread and this cup, and proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us the communion in the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Receiving them in faith, may we be made one with him and he with us. Nourish us with his love so that we may proclaim your goodness and serve you faithfully. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

### Words of Institution

### Communion

### Prayer after Communion

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for this precious gift of Communion. As we partake of the bread and wine, may we be filled with your love and grace, and may we be strengthened to go forth and share your light with the world.

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### Lectionary Passages

	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i>	<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 121</i>	<i>Psalms 95</i>
New Testament	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11
Gospel	John 3:1-17 Matthew 17:1-9	John 4:5-42

### Memory Verse

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so no one may boast.*

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

## 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. TODAY ADULT ED. - "The Final Days" by Matt Rawle continues today with session two "Looking for a Messiah". Join others in Room 9/10 after the worship service for the video, questions, & discussion.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 1 - Communion Sunday**

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Lenten Series in Room 9/10

### **Monday, March 2**

- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Session in Room 9/10

### **Tuesday, March 3**

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

### **Wednesday, March 4**

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol Leaders in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### **Thursday, March 5**

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **Friday, March 6**

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom

### **Saturday, March 7**

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. Girl Scout 715 in the Memorial Room

### **Sunday, March 8**

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3  
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Lenten Series in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Memorial Room