

Celebration of Worship

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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

Karl Barth

“Knowledge of God takes place where divine revelation of God takes place, illumination of man by God, instruction of person by this incomparable Teacher.”

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song

Create in Me

Insert

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you are a hiding place for us;

People: you preserve us from trouble.

Leader: Let the faithful offer prayer and praise to God,

People: for in times of distress, God is with us.

Leader: The Lord will teach us the way we should go.

People: God's steadfast love always surrounds us.

Leader: So let us be glad in the Lord and rejoice in worship!

People: We will sing for joy with psalms of praise.

Hymn

There in God's Garden

Insert

Prayer of Adoration

Leader: **Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. You became one of us in Jesus Christ, sharing our joy and sorrow, manifesting your greatness in the child of the manger, revealing your power in the service of washing the disciples' feet, showing your glory in the shame of the cross. And so, we praise you for your love which is great enough to embrace the universe, yet close enough to enter our hearts. During our worship, surprise us with your grace that we, with the rest of the church and the whole creation, may praise and adore you as Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: In recalling all that you are and all that you have done, we remember who we are and what we have done. To begin again with you and one another, we confess to you our sins:

People: Merciful God, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We have found peace in Christ, but we are a people divided against ourselves. We confess that we cling to the values of a broken world rather than the principles of your kingdom. In your mercy, heal us, forgive us, and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Apostle Paul declared our hope, asking the question, “Who is in a position to condemn?” The Answer? “Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.” Trust this Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

Gloria Patri

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. Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Prayer for Understanding

All: God of Life, send the Holy Spirit to guide us as we listen to stories from Scripture that may sound familiar. Speak your truth in ways that open our minds and hearts to a deeper understanding of your Living Word.

1st Scripture Reading *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

Anthem

“God of Grace”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir; Sally Turner - flute

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free.

O the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.

God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul;

His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace who loved and knew me long before the world began,

Sent my Savior down from heaven, perfect God and perfect man.

God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as his own.

Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.

All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.

God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I'll see Your face,

And forever I'll adore You in your everlasting grace.

2nd Scripture Reading *Matthew 4:1-11*

Sermon Reverend Russ Roth

Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* # 81

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: God has given us so many gifts in Christ and in creation. We offer our gifts in gratitude for the possibilities we enjoy, trusting God to multiply what we bring for goodness' sake.

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website "Give" button. Thank you!

Prayer of Dedication

All: Lord God, we offer our gifts in thanksgiving for all the goodness you provide. Bless our gifts and our lives so that we become a source of goodness for others, in the name of Christ, our strength and our hope. Amen.

Doxology Screen

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Leader: God of all life and each life, we offer you thanks for all the ways we meet you in our daily lives: in a word of encouragement, in an insight into truth, in an answer to prayer.

Thank you for a breath of calm in the midst of stress, and an offer of support when we need it. Thank you for a sense of accomplishment that our work matters, and for moments of rest and relaxation to renew us. Thank you for all these signs that you love us, understand us, and walk with us, Loving God.

Our gratitude for your love reminds us of the need for your mercy in the world. And so, in times of silence, we pray for: The world and the people and places in the news this week; Leaders facing difficult decisions and balancing different needs in complex situations; Your church and congregations facing new challenges and opportunities for mission; Our workplaces and our community facing many needs and pressures; Our family, friends and neighbors, especially those facing hard choices these days; And for ourselves, we offer our own concerns. Thank you for your grace that embraces all for whom we pray, O God. In the week ahead, help us notice your hand at work in our lives and in this troubled world.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

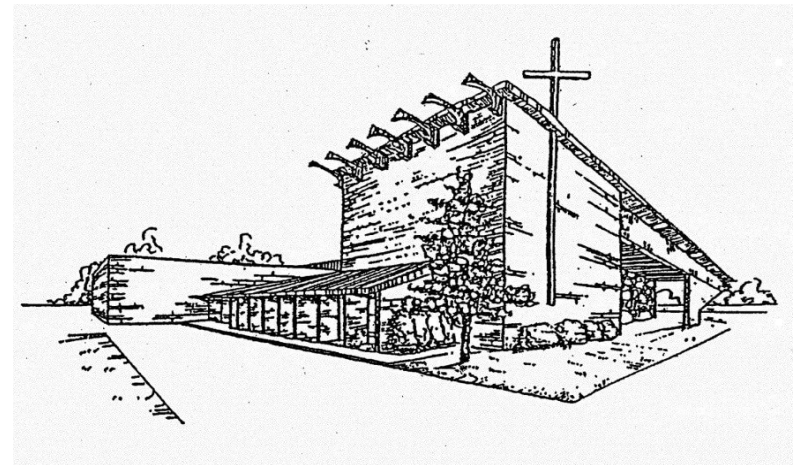
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* # 83

Benediction

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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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. TODAY ADULT ED. begins the series "Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospel." Join us in Room 9/10 following the service as we ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom and love. Attendees are encouraged to bring a NRSV translation of the Bible and read: *Mark 14:32-42; Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46.*
3. THE LENTEN STUDY entitled "*Discipleship in A Divided Age: A Lenten Journey Through Matthew's Gospel, Living Faithfully Amid Division and Uncertainty,*" by Teri McDowell Ott was sent to you online last Sunday. If you prefer a hard copy, simply request it by calling the church office (585 265-9700).
4. TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues its Lenten study this week using the booklet "Jesus' Final Days". All are welcome. See Sally Turner for a booklet.
5. THE WEBSTER COMMUNITY CHEST is compiling a cookbook in recognition of persons who have given special community service, including Joyce Tompkins, a member of our church who was a tireless worker in service to others. We have been asked to participate in this effort. Forms are located on a table in the Narthex for anyone who would like to participate by either submitting recipes and/or ordering cookbooks. Deadline is next Sunday. Questions? Speak to Gayl Galen.

Lectionary Passages

	<u>February 22nd</u>	<u>March 1st</u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7</i>	<i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 32</i>	<i>Psalms 121</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 5:12-19</i>	<i>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>	<i>John 3:1-17</i> <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 22

- 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. Lenten Series in Room 9/10

Monday, February 23

- 6:00 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Youth Room
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, February 24

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, February 28

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 1

- 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. Lenten Series in Room 9/10
- 12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

Memory Verse

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*

I John 4:7