

Celebration of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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

St. Augustine of Hippo

“And men go abroad to admire the heights of mountains, the mighty waves of the sea, the broad tides of rivers, the compass of the ocean, and the circuits of the stars, yet pass over the mystery of themselves without a thought.”

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song

Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve You;
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.
So, fill me and heal me, and bring me back to You.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve You.

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our Shepherd.

People: God leads us by still waters.

Leader: Christ restores our souls.

People: The Spirit leads us in right paths.

Leader: Let us worship God who is always with us.

People: We will praise our God, trusting in God’s goodness and mercy!

Hymn

Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives

Insert

Prayer of Adoration

Leader: Gracious and loving God, you are the Source of all that sustains us. You are compassion, embracing us when we call for mercy. You are mercy, guiding us through anxious times. You are wisdom, revealing truth to challenge and renew us. Holy One, you bless us with your presence day by day, so we turn to you in worship, as Creator, Christ and Spirit, offering you our love and loyalty, our prayers and our praise. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of life and love, we confess that events around us shake our trust in your love. When terror strikes and innocents fall, we wonder if love can defeat violence. When truth is twisted by misleading claims, we doubt love can prevail over lies. When we face trouble, we wonder if you love us at all. Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust in your love.

Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, remember the words of the Apostle Paul: “Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.” Today, let us trust that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God’s deep love will never let us go. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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.

Welcoming of New Member – Doug Perryman

Insert

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

Prayer for Understanding

All: Light of the world, your Word brings new vision and hope. Shine your Spirit on us as we listen to the Scriptures, to open our eyes on your Word at work in the world and show us the path we can follow. Amen

1st Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Anthem

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

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John Carter

Chancel Choir

2nd Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41

Sermon

Reverend Russ Roth

Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City

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Invitation to the Offering

Leader: As our Shepherd, God calms our fears and tends our needs. We offer our gifts in gratitude for God’s goodness, trusting that we can share that goodness in a world often filled with fear and need.

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: God our Good Shepherd, receive these gifts and bless them with your love. Use them to bring light and healing to the world you love for the sake of Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Doxology

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

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Leader: God, Shepherd of our Lives, we give you thanks for all the things you provide that make life good and full: For the rhythms of nature which water thirsty lands, producing food for all creatures; for energy to work and for community to share in the produce of work. Yet we are still thirsty in this land of plenty: thirsty for hope when work fails; thirsty for love when friends fail; thirsty for justice when sharing fails.

People: **Shepherd God, fill us with your love, lead us on your paths.**

Leader: God, Shepherd of our lives, we thank you for the light you shine in a world filled with complexity, to bring hope and increase understanding: understanding to address human need and improve daily life; understanding to deepen relationships and mutual respect; understanding to tackle problems and seek solutions. We seek your light to lead us: the light of wisdom to bring people of different perspectives together; the light of courage to work for change in desperate situations; the light of hope to persevere when change is difficult.

People: **Shepherd God, fill us with your love, lead us on your paths.**

Leader: God, Shepherd of our lives, we thank you for the purpose and potential you create for us in Christ: for creating friendships and neighbourhoods that support us, for creating co-operation to accomplish goals that seem impossible, for creating gratitude for the gifts we discover in each other. We seek the gifts of the Spirit we need in these challenging days: the gift of confidence to renew our ministries in humility and hope, the gift of generosity to renew lives in need around us, the gift of faith to trust you for a future we cannot yet see ourselves.

People: **Shepherd God, lead us on your paths.**

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

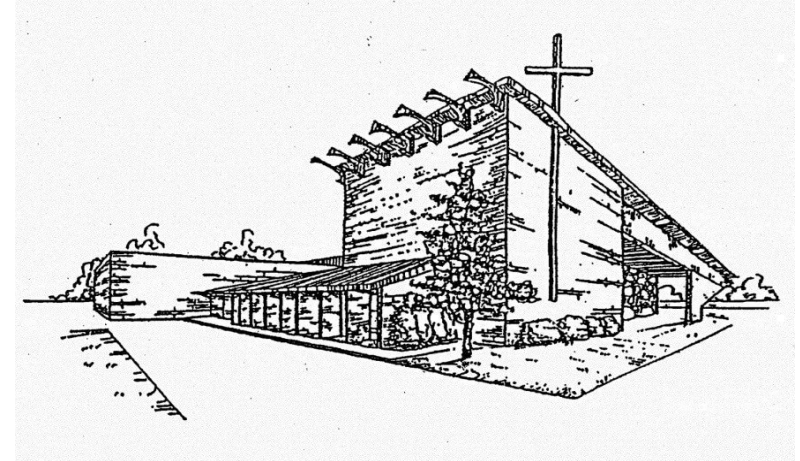
Hymn *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

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Benediction

Postlude

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

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Welcoming of New Member – Doug Perryman

On behalf of the session, I present Doug Perryman, who has been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

You come to us as a member of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. As you join with us in the worship and service of this congregation, it is fitting that together we reaffirm the covenant into which we were baptized, claiming again the promises of God which are ours in our baptism.

Hear these words of Holy Scripture from I Ephesians 4:4–6: *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism, we were made citizens of God's kingdom and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, and to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, in which we were baptized.

RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION

Then with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

Faithful God, you work in us and for us even when we do not know it. When our path has led us away from you, you guide us back to yourself. We thank you for calling your servant Doug to the fellowship of your people. Renew in him the covenant you made in his baptism. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen him in faith and love, that he may serve you with joy, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, uphold Doug by your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in him your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. *Amen.*

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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. ADULT ED. – “You Have Said So, but I Say to You – The Passion According to Matthew” will examine the accounts of Peter, Judas, and Pilate, and Jesus’ Atonement from the cross. Join us following the worship service in Room 9/10.
3. THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING begins today and runs through April 12th. By supporting this special offering, you help improve the lives of people around the world, providing access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Envelopes can be found in your chair racks, or send your donation to the church office, designating that it is for the OGHS offering.
4. EASTER FLOWER orders continue for display on Easter morning. You can sign up for a single lily (\$18), tulips (\$14), and azaleas (\$21.50) by stopping at a table in the Narthex after the service or calling the church office. Payment can be cash or a check payable to PWC. Flowers can be taken home after the Easter service or donated to a Friend at Home. When ordering, you may include a dedication in memory or honor of a loved one to appear in the Easter bulletin.
5. A PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be held in the Social Room following the service on March 29th. All are invited to attend. Beverages, place settings and hot breakfast casseroles will be provided. It is optional for you to sign up for additional items. Join us for a morning of celebration and fellowship by signing up in the Narthex or calling the church office.
6. HEART & HAND is making placemats for Meals on Wheels this month. If you would like to participate in the project you may pick up a placemat kit from the table in the hallway outside the church office to sew at home.
7. A BOOK chosen by your ONE in Christ committee is available in the Narthex. “Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss and the Fight for Trans Equality” by Sarah McBride is for everyone to take at no charge. The book will be discussed during Adult Ed on April 26th and May 3rd.
8. AN ORGAN RECITAL will take place in the Sanctuary at 3:00 pm next Sunday, March 22nd. Our organist, Abby Crafton, will be joined by 3 other organ majors from the Eastman School of Music. The concert is free and open to all! Invite your friends and neighbors!
9. THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE are for the Memorial Service at 1:00 this afternoon, remembering the life of Will Martin.
10. THE PATHWAY DEADLINE is Friday, March 20th. Email articles to both jchippero@websterpres.org and g Hubbard@websterpres.org.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15

- 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
- 1:00 P.M. Memorial Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

- 6:30 A.M. Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social and Basement Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

Thursday, March 19

- 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
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons’ Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Friday, March 20 – Pathway Deadline

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in Room 4
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom
- 6:45 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room and Sanctuary

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 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
- 3:00 P.M. Organ Recital in the Sanctuary

