



Wycliffe

March 1, 2026 - Lent II

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To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to whoever will come - this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign & pass the red friendship pad)

A PRAYER TO BEGIN WORSHIP

LET US WORSHIP

PSALM 36 (NRSV, v.4-9; all read the bold)

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings,
and feast on the abundance of your house.**

You give them drink from the river of your delights.

**With you is the fountain of life,
and in your light, we see light.**

***HYMN 14 "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"** (stand in body or spirit & sing)

**Share the Peace of Christ with those around you
Children's Time with the Pastor*

Hear these words from the Gospel of Matthew (25:35-40 NRSV)

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? When was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”

And the king will answer, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.”



“O Love” (text: G. Matheson; music: E. Hagenberg)
Lui Berz, cello

*O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be ~*



Luke 7:36-50

THE WORD OF GOD IS OPENED TO US

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HYMN 704 “TO MY PRECIOUS LORD”
(remain seated & sing)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*followed by **The Lord’s Prayer** (screen)*

A Time of Confession (all read the bold)

*If God lived next door, I'd like to think I'd drop off a loaf of bread
and leave a note with my phone number
(call anytime you need anything! I'm always ready to help!).*

*I'd like to think I'd invite God over for dinner,
invite the neighbors so they could meet God, too.
Start a community garden so kids could learn and share stories
and eat harvest meals with God.*

But who says God doesn't live next door?

**God, I long to be a person who loves my neighbors,
just as you do.**

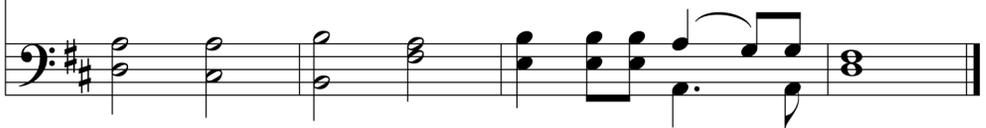
**Forgive me when I let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love for them, and love for you.**



All sing ~

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.



THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON . . . and all say "Thanks be to God."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*How many voices have sung in this room?
How many hymns have rung out in this place?
How many tears have fallen on these pews?
How many Lord's Prayers have echoed here?*

*These walls resonate and vibrate
with the wonder of generations,
the heartbeats of friends and neighbors.
Love and high aspiration, grief and adoration -
all these live in these walls
with a deep yearning toward God. And so we come ~*



THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you ~ and also with you.
Lift up your hearts ~ we lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks ~ it is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came
and the One to whom we will return.*

*You conceived the universe, wove the world together
and hold all life in your hand.*

*You watch us waking or sleeping,
you keep every tear we shed and hear every prayer we make.
So with rain, wind and sunshine,
with all that moves in time with its Maker,
with angels & archangels, with saints from long ago
and our loved ones gathered around your throne, we sing ~*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, my song shall rise to thee.
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Holy Jesus, it is not by virtue that we are here,
but by your gracious invitation;
not to simply continue an ancient tradition
but to be nourished by our living Lord;
not to only celebrate your presence among us
but to catch a glimpse of heaven.*



*God of heaven, you gave your people water from a rock in the desert
and fed them with bread in the wilderness.
Let your Holy Spirit fill this bread and wine with the fullness of Jesus
so that in the intimacy of this sacrament, as heaven and earth become one,
we may come to know you more deeply and resolve to serve you more faithfully.*

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!**

THE BREAD AND WINE ARE SHARED

*You're invited to come forward at the direction of the usher to receive
the bread & cup (gluten-free bread is also available).*

*If you prefer to be served in your seat,
let the usher know & the pastors would be happy to accommodate.*



WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH *(all read the bold)*



People of God, in what do you believe?

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

It sounds like welcome and feels like home.

It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.

It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,

and I've seen it alive in the world.

When our hearts ache, when wars rage and mercy feels out of reach,

**we remember the one who welcomed children,
cared for the vulnerable, and led with nonviolence.**

I believe that good news is Good News,

for I've seen it alive in the world.

(Sarah Are Speed)

***HYMN 697 "TAKE MY LIFE** *(stand in body or spirit & sing v. 1, 4, 6 only)*

***THE BENEDICTION**



Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee & conversation

(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)

while Middle/High Schoolers have Sunday School (Ed wing) and

Music-Makers (gr.1-5) meet in the music room (20 minutes)



We welcome cellist Lui Berz to worship today.

A long-time member of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Lui earned her master's degree in cello performance and Suzuki pedagogy from the Cleveland Institute of Music and performs on cello, erhu, and horsehair fiddle.

She is creator of both "Notes from the Far East," a Chinese presentation, and "Notes from the Silk Road," a multi-cultural presentation, which together reach over 4,500 children and adults each year in the Hampton Roads region.



Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us. A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary for contributions of checks or cash. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at www.wycliffepresbyterian.org



Upcoming Week: March 1-7

TODAY: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING [*envelopes on the narthex table*]

TODAY: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 am [room 209/Zoom]

TODAY: CHOIR PRACTICE at 9:30 am [music room]

TODAY: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:10 am [ed. wing]

TODAY: MUSIC MAKERS from 11 to 11:20 am [music room]

TODAY: MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL from 11 to 11:20 am [room 108]

TODAY: NEW MEMBERS CLASS at 11:15 am [room 207]

TODAY: WINTER JAM CONCERT at 3:30 pm [meet at WPC, carpool to Scope]

TUESDAY: PASTOR'S LUNCH at 12:15 pm [Murphy's Irish Pub ~ 2914 Pacific Ave]

THURSDAY: WOMEN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY at 7pm [Robin LaVigne's home]



All are welcome to join the pastors and friends for lunch this coming Tuesday at 12:15pm. We'll join at the Murphy's Pub for an authentic Irish good time together! No RSVP is needed.

On the Horizon

March 17: Ladies Lunch Out at 12 pm [Waterman's Surfside Grill]

March 19: Grief Support Group at 3:30 pm [room 207]

March 20: Kids Club from 5:30 to 7:30 pm [fellowship hall]

March 21: Spring Church Clean-Up Day at 9 am [WPC]

March 22: St. Patrick's Fellowship Luncheon after worship [fellowship hall]

March 29: Palm Sunday Worship at 10 am [sanctuary]

April 2 & 3: Maundy Thursday & Good Friday

April 5: EASTER SUNDAY



Grief Support
 Thursday, March 19
 3:30pm - Room 207

It helps to be with those who understand -

kids club
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Friday nite Style!

- Dinner
- Fun Activities
- Crafts
- Games
- StoryTime

Pre-K - 5th Grade **March 20**
 5:30-7:30pm

CHURCH WORK DAY

Jobs for all ages!
Saturday, March 21
 9:00 am

St. Patrick's Luncheon
 March 22
 after worship

Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rolls

Adults \$6 Kids-Free

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