

**“Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9**



**Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Fort Wayne, IN**

**March 9, 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook**

## Sunday Service – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!*

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **\*BOLD\*** with us from your homes!*

*10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts*

**10:30 – Live Prelude Starts**      *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. by Thygerson

### Welcome

#### Call to Worship –

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**Try me and know my thoughts!**

See if there is any wicked way in me,

**And lead me in the way everlasting.**

#### Opening Hymn #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#### Call to Confession –

Our God who is immortal and wise beyond our comprehension knows our hearts and leads us in the way everlasting. Although we are very familiar with these moments in which we share a prayer of confession, God invites us to put down the burdens of our sin and shame and to experience God’s mercy. Following our Lord in the way everlasting, let us confess our sin before our gracious God.

#### Prayer of Confession –

**God of true and holy life: in creation, you have made us in your image. You have entered into covenant with all humanity. You have made yourself known to us and have called us to live by your Word. In these first days of Lent as we reflect upon Christ’s encounter with the devil in the wilderness, we confess that we have become insensitive to the powers in this life that would claim our hearts. As we go about the familiar routines of the day, we forget that you have given us life to be shared with you. We seek nourishment for our souls in the things and happenings of this life. We allow ourselves to become far less than**

beings made in your image. God of true and holy life: forgive us when we allow ourselves to seek nourishment for our souls in the passing joys of this life. Kindle a renewed hunger for life in your image and nourished by the bread of heaven.

*Time for silent confession*

### **Assurance of Pardon —**

Hear the good news of the Gospel. In every time and place, Christ is the bread of life who nourishes our souls. When we become dead in the lifeless things of this world, Christ gives new life to our souls through the gift of forgiveness of our sins. When sin would have us, Christ dies that we might live through faith. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”**

### **Passing the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

### **Children’s Message**

### **Time for Music & Meditation**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Let us Pray: As we begin our Lenten journey with our Lord in the wilderness tempted by the devil, we are reminded of how the words of daily life have power to distort the power of your Word in holy scripture, Gracious Lord. In these sacred moments, fill your Word and our minds with you Holy Spirit. Clear our minds and hearts to hear your Word and to believe your Gospel. **Amen.**

“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Choir Anthem

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

#415

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading – Luke 4:1-13

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Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;  
11 they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Sermon

Moldy Bread

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response #166 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Because we live by the Word of God, we are united with Christ and one another in the worship of God and the work of sharing the Gospel in the world. With joy that we can share in the life in Christ, we present our offerings to God. Let us receive the morning offering.

**Offertory**                      *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You* arr. by Cox

**Doxology** #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Prayer of Dedication** –

Let us pray. God of true and holy life: you covenanted with us to share the Gospel of salvation to each new generation and in every place. Sharing in that sacred work, we present our offerings along with our hearts and minds to you. Receive our gifts and fill them with your grace and love to the glory of your holy Name. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn** #683 “*Lord of all Hopefulness*”

**Postlude**                                      *To Walk in God's Ways* by Smith

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Grace 2025 Updated Directory:** There is a draft of our Grace directory in the narthex. Please take a moment to review your information. If it’s correct, please put a check mark next to your name. If any changes are needed, please include the edit.

**Scout Pie Sale:** Troop 15, the troop that Grace supports, is selling pies, crisps, and cobblers to fund their upcoming activities. The list of options is long, and a copy is in the narthex. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please reach out to Aaron Bowers or Betsy Kachmar.

**Lenten Bible Study Books:** If you ordered a book (or two) for our upcoming Lenten Bible study, your book is in the narthex.

**Bread for the World:** Bread for the World Fort Wayne and Community Harvest Food Pantry will partner with In As Much Ministry to show the film *Food Insecure* on March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Broadway Christian Church, on the corner of Broadway and Wayne in Fort Wayne. Everyone is invited.

### Birthdays

Becky Barnett – March 9

Ann Bausser – March 15

### Anniversaries

Robert and Carol Fahrenbach

March 12, 1966

### ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

*To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.*

#### **Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting**

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

#### **Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting**

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468      ***Password:*** 030414

#### **Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)**

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

***Phone Number:*** (301) 715-8592 ***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468      ***Password:*** 030414

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.



## Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

# Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

## 166

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory  
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -  
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.  
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*\*Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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# 683 Lord of All Hopefulness



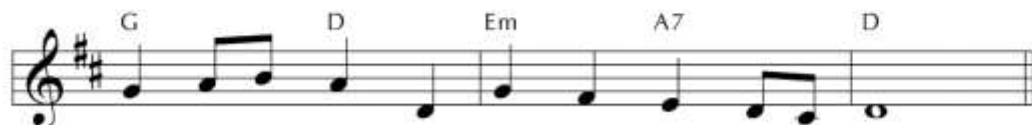
1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose  
 2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose  
 3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your  
 4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-destroy: be  
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be  
 hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: be  
 voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: be



there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your  
 there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your  
 there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your  
 there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

When first published in 1931, this "All-Day Hymn" (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.

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 MUSIC: David Schwoebel, 2008  
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 (alternate tune: SLANE)