SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 1, 2026 **10:00 a.m.**

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing. **LITURGIST: Tina Mendoza**

PRELUDE ***Amazing Grace*** arr. Lloyd Larson
FPC Bell Choir

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT ***Make Me A Channel of Your Peace***

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) **Psalm 32**

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
One: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
All: You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
One: Many are the torments of the wicked,
All: But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
All: And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

HYMN #316** ***Where Charity and Love Prevail Twenty-Fourth

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

The prophet Isaiah once said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Friends, even if each of us here were perfect, there'd still be sin and the need for grace. Whether it is "guilty" or "guilty by association," our God is prepared to hear our prayers of confession and then assure us of our belovedness and forgiveness. Let us boldly approach this throne of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ***Fear, a Kyrie*** Stephen Deeter, J.A. Schooley

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive)

One: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
All: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.
One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** **Hymnal Page 583**

"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING **James 1:1, 8-10**

ANTHEM ***Wondrous Love*** Arr. Alice Parker

SCRIPTURE READING **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

SERMON ***"…Racism"***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsively) *Confession of Belhar, 10.5-6, 9*

One: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity
All: Therefore, we reject any doctrine which, in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.
One: We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.
All: Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory ***God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*** C. Schalk, K.Webber

FPC Bell Ringers

Doxology Hymn #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Venmo

***Prayer of Dedication**

HYMN #379** ***We Shall Overcome We Shall Overcome

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
BENEDICTION RESPONSE** ***We Will Walk with God

POSTLUDE **Partita on *"O Sacred Head"*** Gordon Young

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There are no closed doors here.

Christ Welcomes All Here!

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Where Charity and Love Prevail

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

2. Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

3. Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

4. Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

We Shall Overcome

1. We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday. **Refrain.**

Refrain: O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

2. We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand someday.
Refrain.

3. We shall live in peace; se shall live in peace; we shall live in peace someday.
Refrain.

4 We are not afraid; we are not afraid; we are not afraid today. **Refrain.**

5. God will see us through; God will see us through; God will see us through today.
Refrain.

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the residents at JDC & JRC, Evan (Susan & Chris Dunn's grandson), Ken Oman, Dave Horger, Glenn Varney, Lyn Long, Ashton's father, Ron Stout, Scott Guthrie, Miranda Douglas, Barb Schnitker (Tammy's mother-in-law), Amanda Pirooz (friend of Ellyn Stout), Dave Hyslop & Sharon, Jen Codding is asking for prayers for her mom & aunt, Anna Beeker's parents, Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss

Week of March 1 thru March 8

SUNDAY	**10:00 a.m.**	**Worship Service**
	11:15 a.m.	**Fellowship & refreshments (FH)**
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY		**Church office is Closed on Monday**
	9:00 a.m.	**Synod of the Covenant 2 day mtg. (FH)**
TUESDAY	**9:00 a.m.**	**Synod of the Covenant 2 day mtg. (FH)**
	1:00 p.m.	**Book Group (Green Lounge)**
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (GL)
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 a.m.**	**Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop**
	5:30 p.m.	**WeMeet dinner & discussion (FH)**
THURSDAY	**9:30 a.m.**	**Deacons' Shop open to public**
		Staff mtg. Pastor Jeff's office
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
	6:00 p.m.	**Bell Rehearsal**
	7:00 p.m.	**Choir Rehearsal**
	8:00 p.m.	**Meditation Group (FH)**
FRIDAY	**6:00 p.m.**	**First Friday at Ninja Hibachi Steak House**
SATURDAY	8:30 p.m.	PEO Grp. Chap. EJ mtg. (FH)
		Set your clocks forward one hour before bed tonight
SUNDAY	**10:00 a.m.**	**Worship Service**

First Friday will be March 6th at 6 pm at Ninja Hibachi Steak House, 1080 S Main St in BG. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, March 4th to Nettie @ 429-262-7889** or nettierose@aol.com.

The **Tuesday Afternoon Book Group** will begin reading ***Theo of Golden*** by Allen Levi. We meet in the church library at 1 pm. All are welcome to join.

The Perrysburg Chorale has two upcoming concerts this week. The concert is entitled, "A Wish of Peace" and will be performed on **Fri. March 6 at 7 pm at Perrysburg First Church** (202 E. Second St., P-burg) and **Sun. March 8 at 3 pm at Hope United Methodist** (10610 Waterville St., Whitehouse). Admission is free. Two members of our own church choir, Nettie Rose & Shirley Brannan, are members of the chorale.

DEACONS
Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

Helping Hands: Hygiene and Cleaning Supplies

Helping Hands continues to be a BG community resource for providing food and hygiene items on the second Friday of each month. Our church contributes by collecting donations of hygiene and cleaning products. **For March, we need baby diapers sizes 4, 5, 6, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant.** Your donations are appreciated and will be picked up from the box located in the church lobby on Sunday, March 8 for the next distribution date of March 13. If you don't have time to shop, a monetary donation can be made by check, Venmo or Pay Pal. The Deacons will do the shopping for you. **Thank you for your generosity and support. For questions, contact Terri McNamara at tmcnamara62@icloud.com.**

Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 13 white Easter Lily plants for sale to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price is $16.00 per plant. **Checks should be made payable to *Presbyterian Women* with the word "*lily*" on the memo line.** Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the Church office. **The deadline to request and turn in money is Wednesday, March 25, or until the lilies are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the Easter Service on April 5.

Please fill out your Easter Lily order with the following information:

Name_____
Phone number_____
In Memory or Honor of _____
Number of plants ordered_____

On Saturday night move your clocks ahead one hour or you'll miss church!

Divine Doodles