

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Dr. Mark Chiang

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

Duty Elder: Connie Madsen Service Leader: Patty Hofforth

Musicians: Sheryl Cale, Rosemary Brown

Scripture Reader: Loretta Clague

*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able

Musical Prelude – Time for Quiet Meditation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME (*Video*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: you preserve us from trouble.

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

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

One: The Lord will teach us the way we should go;

All: God's steadfast love always surrounds us.

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

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

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Passing of the Peace

*HYMN # 724: *Come now you blessed*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TEACHING MOMENT (*Video*)

*HYMN # 201: *We come to ask your forgiveness*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 32 (pg 506)

SCRIPTURE: John 2: 13-25 (pg 93)

ANTHEM: *The gift of love*

SERMON (*Video*)

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN # 15: *The Lord is my light*

WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK

PRAISE RESPONSE #830: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PRAYER FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN # 641: *One more step*

*Commissioning and BENECTION (*Video*)

*SUNG BENECTION: *Go now in Peace*

Birthday greetings this week go out to Brian Magnus and Henry Cale.

Men's Breakfast dates: March 7 and April 4 at 9 AM @ the Rainbow Café.

Rev. Mark will be presiding and serving communion on March 8.

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