



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 30th, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Call to Worship

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation!

Thanks be to God for such great mercy.

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Thanks be to God for new beginnings!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation through Christ Jesus.

Together we will make a new beginning in Christ!

Let us worship God with joyful hearts, trusting God to renew us and all things.

We will lift our praises to God with hearts refreshed by grace.

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

God of Mystery and Mercy, we gather to worship in humility and hope because we trust you have the power to change

the world for the better with your love. We gather to worship you, trusting that no person or situation is beyond your concern, or your embrace. Inspire us with a vision of love that will change the world and our lives through the love and mercy we meet in Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour.

God of love and mercy, when we pause for a moment in your presence, the daily details of our lives press in on us. We recall things left undone, opportunities ignored. We remember careless words spoken, disappointments that trouble our souls. In silence we offer to you our misspent moments and missed opportunities:

Assurance of Pardon

Remember the promise that the apostle Paul declares: What can separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril? or Sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. Neither death nor life, things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for such a promise! The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

Hymn 27 God of mercy, God of grace

Fourth Sunday in Lent Liturgy (Insert in bulletin)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Soften our hearts, O God, as we listen to the words of scripture, so that our hearts may be fertile soil in which you plant your living Word. Amen.

O.T. Lesson Joshua 5:9-12 p. 154

Responsive Psalm 32 BP 629

N.T. Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 p. 819

N.T. Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 p. 741

Hymn Yield not to temptation **SOG 45**

Sermon **Coming home...**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn **Lord, I've wandered far away from home**

I've wandered far away from God, now I'm coming home;
The paths of sin too long I've trod, Lord, I'm coming home.

Refrain:

Coming home, coming home, never more to roam,
Open wide Thine arms of love, Lord, I'm coming home.

2. I've wasted many precious years, now I'm coming home;
I now repent with bitter tears, Lord, I'm coming home.

3. I'm tired of sin and straying, Lord, now I'm coming home;
I'll trust your love, believe your Word, Lord, I'm coming home.

4. My soul is sick, my heart is sore, now I'm coming home;
My strength renew, my hope restore, Lord, I'm coming home.

5. My only hope and only plea; now I'm coming home;
That Jesus died, and died for me; Lord, I'm coming home.

6. I need his cleansing blood, I know; now I'm coming home;
Oh, wash me whiter than the snow; Lord, I'm coming home.

Offering and Offertory

Doxology **616**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Apostles' Creed (616)

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn **The Old Rugged Cross**

SOG 5

Benediction and Choral Amen

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, March 30th

19-year-old Evidence Mhango is in her final year of secondary school in Malawi. She has endured numerous challenges to reach this milestone, including walking 15 km daily. Despite the long distance and societal pressures to abandon her studies, Evidence remains determined to finish school. The PWS&D-supported Every Youth Empowered project has played a crucial role in motivating Evidence to work harder. Joining the in-school club introduced and led by project volunteers, she discovered a passion for quiz competitions and gained the confidence to participate in interschool contests. The competitions enhanced her critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, boosted her academic performance and gave her self-assurance. Evidence shares, "My dream is to become a university lecturer, and nobody will take that away from me."

Upcoming Services

Apr 6 – Brad Little	5 th Sunday in Lent
Apr 13 – Maryann Skinner	Palm Sunday
Apr 20 – Bob Lyle	Easter/Communion/Fellowship
Apr 27 – Brad Little	2 nd Sunday of Easter