



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 9th, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Call to Worship

We live in the shelter of the Most High,

We abide in the shadow of Almighty God.

Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,

For God is the One in whom we trust.

The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us.

Under God's wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid.

So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!

We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Holy and merciful God you are our refuge and strength; we rejoice in your grace and love which has called creation into being and makes all life complete. We praise you for Jesus Christ who reveals your loving purposes for all people; in his face we glimpse your love; in his life we see the pattern for our lives. We bless you for the Holy Spirit who guides us and strengthens us, drawing us into the embrace of your tender love. And so we praise you, O God, our eternal, creating father who loves us with motherly care, united with Christ, our Saviour, and your Holy Spirit, the breath of life, Three in One, now and always.

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in things we have done, and things we have neglected to do. We have held back from giving to protect what we have. We have not trusted in your goodness and relied on the world's empty promises instead. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall become. Help us to serve you by serving your world with generous spirits. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone. The new life has come. Know that you are forgiven, and so, in Christ, forgive one another.

Hymn 76 O worship the King

First Sunday in Lent Liturgy (Insert in bulletin)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

(Based on *Living Faith* 7.4.1)

As your word is read, heard, and preached, O God, send your Holy Spirit to aid our understanding and nurture our faith with the Good News in Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

O.T. Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Responsive Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

N.T. Epistle Lesson Romans 10:8b-13

N.T. Lesson Luke 4:1-13

Hymn 177 Lord, who throughout these forty days

Sermon In the wilderness

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn 169 As when the Hebrew prophet raised

Offering and Offertory

Doxology 616

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Apostles' Creed (616)

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn 163 Tell me the stories of Jesus

Benediction and Choral Amen

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, March 9th

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Announcements:

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this morning as we begin the Season of Lent.

Upcoming Services

Mar 16 - Brad Little	2 nd Sunday in Lent
Mar 23 - Maryann Skinner	3 rd Sunday in Lent
Mar 30 - Bob Lyle	4 th Sunday in Lent
Apr 6 - Brad Little	5 th Sunday in Lent