



**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church**

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**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Interim Moderator:** Rev. Robert Lyle 902-549-6411

**Clerk of Session:** Jan Alchorn

**Music Director:** Linda Giddens

**Today's speaker** Maryann Skinner

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**Prelude and Greeting**

**Responsive Call to Worship: See insert**

**Worship in Music:** "Just as I am" BP 394

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

**God, our Creator and Sustainer,**

**in you we live and move and have our being. In your depths we find meaning; in your heights we find light and joy. You are the source of peace and hope for all who turn to you. You alone have been our help and our guide; you give us strength and courage when we face challenges. In you we find rest and welcome along the way. We praise you, O God, for your steadfast love.**

**Draw near to us once more in this time of worship. Reveal your purposes for us and prepare us for the days ahead so that our lives may witness to your mercy and grace as we follow Jesus.**

**God of grace and mercy,**

**We confess that our thoughts are so often not your thoughts; our ways are rarely your ways. Our tempers are short, and we fail to act with kindness. Our confidence is weak, and we treat others without respect. Our faith falters and we lose track of you.**

**Forgive the many ways we fail you and inspire us to follow you more faithfully.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Jesus –

And Jesus died for us; He rose for us, and Jesus reigns in power for us, In the name of the Father Almighty, he prays for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. By God's mercy, we can make a fresh start following him.

**Worship in Music:** "Amazing grace" BP 403

**GOD'S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE**

**Prayer for understanding:**

God of all wisdom and truth,  
we seek your guidance as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted today. Send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts, to give us fresh understanding and a renewed commitment to follow your Word. Amen

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 63: 1-8. BP 639

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 13:1-9 Pg.738

**Worship in Music:** "Abide with me" BP 533

**Sermon: "Grace Beneath the Headlines"**

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Offering and Offertory**

**The Doxology and Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of God's People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed BP 616**

**Worship in Music:** "I heard the voice of Jesus say"

BP 369

**Benediction and Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

**Mission Moments:** Five years after getting married, Cristina's husband emigrated to the United States from Guatemala, leaving her in debt. Unable to pay off the debt, she lost the land her husband had left as collateral, an inheritance from her parents. She struggled to earn enough daily to feed her young children and repay the debt and interest. Things got a little easier when her children turned 18, emigrated to the United States and sent money. She also received support from Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas, PWS&D's local partner. She was trained in managing her cornfields, family gardens, backyard animals, and in topics related to healthy and nutritional diets.

**Upcoming Services**

Mar 30 -Bob Lyle 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

April 6 -Brad Little 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

April 13 - Maryann Skinner - Palm Sunday

April 20 - Bob Lyle - Easter/Communion/Fellowship