



# Central Presbyterian Church

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

March 1, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

\* Worshippers are invited to rise in body or spirit.

If you do not wish to be seen on the live video feed for the service, please sit in a pew under a balcony.

~ Gathering as God's People ~

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jack Barden

## Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Introit

*Psalm 27* arr. D. Haas

Chancel Choir

“The Lord is my light and my salvation. Of whom should I be afraid? Of whom should I be afraid?”

## Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

**All: to behold the beauty of the Lord, to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

## \*Hymn #366: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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## Prayer of Confession

Theo Van Haren

**All: God of mercy, we confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride; we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness. (Silent reflection)**

## Lord, Have Mercy (Hymn #551)

LAND OF REST

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Assurance of Pardon

One: God does not count our sins against us, but offers us the gift of grace and mercy.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## \*Glory, Glory, Glory (Hymn #584)

CUEQUITA

**Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!**

**¡Gloria, gloria, gloria, en las alturas a Dios!**

**And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.**

**Y en la tierra, paz a la gente que ama el Señor.**

~ Proclaiming God's Word ~

Scripture

I Corinthians 13:8-13

N.T. Pg. 164

One: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*A Lenten Walk: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*, H. Hopson  
Ashton McKenzie, tenor & Chancel Choir

“Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, He had to walk it by himself,  
We must walk this lonesome valley, We have to walk it by ourselves;  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, We have to walk it by ourselves.  
Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; He had to bear it by himself;  
Oh, nobody else could bear it for him, He had to bear it by himself.  
We must take our cross and follow; Yes, we must follow by ourselves;  
Oh, nobody else can follow for us, We have to follow by ourselves.”

Time with Children

Issie Luna

**Rise Up, Shine Bright, Let love be your guiding light. (x2)**  
**Speak kind words and be a friend. From your heart is where it begins.**  
**Give a smile and shake a hand. Always do the best you can.**  
**Rise Up, Shine Bright, Let love be your guiding light.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 27:7-14

O.T. Pg. 477

One: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Face to Face*

Rev. Jack Barden

\*Hymn #740: Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

~ Responding to God's Word ~

Communion

We use non-alcoholic grape juice. There is gluten free bread available in the middle line. You do not need to be a church member, or even a Presbyterian to participate in communion. For more information, please see the yellow cards found in the pews.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad  
así en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día  
y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como  
nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación,  
mas líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder  
y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.**

Minute for Mission: Neighbors Program

Andi Brauer

Offering

Giving is a form of worship and we offer our gifts to bring Christ’s hope to our world. For ways to give, see information following the order of worship.

Offertory Music

*Good People*, Jim Beanz

Garrison Moore, baritone  
Nathan Quiring, piano

\*Doxology: Hymn #606 †

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication of Offering

\*Hymn #658: *God Is So Good*

GOD IS SO GOOD

~ **Going into God’s World** ~

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response: Hymn #687

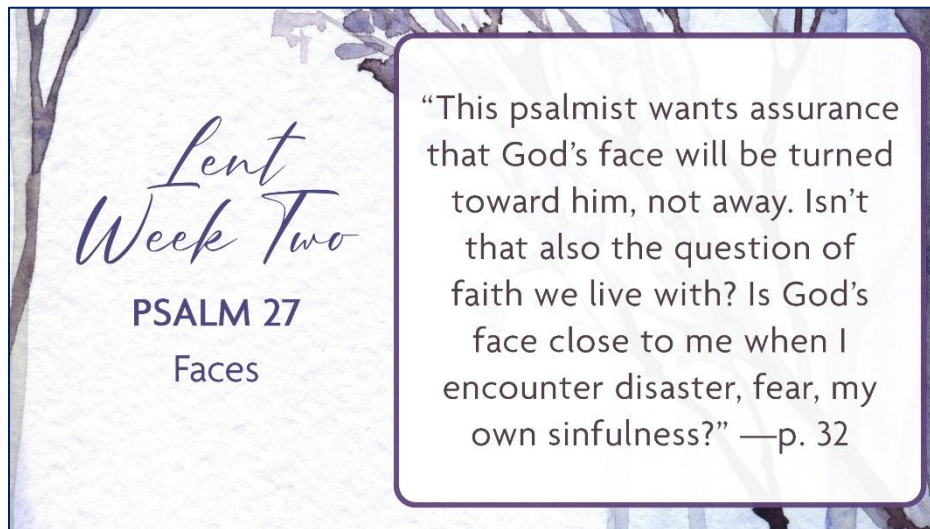
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**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

Postlude

† Some prefer the words, “Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” to “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

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**Church Staff**

Interim Pastor ..... Jack Barden  
 Director of Music Ministry.....André Trahan  
 Office Manager ..... Lisa Korson  
 Neighbors Program Manager ..... Andi Brauer  
 Bookkeeper ..... Cindy Mikel  
 AV Coordinator ..... AJ Gonzales  
 Custodian ..... Lety Mendieta

Parish Associate ..... Jim Collier  
 Parish Associate ..... Mary Swierenga  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Nathan Quiring  
 Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator Robyn Greer  
 Social Work Intern ..... Jezmarie Allen  
 Events Coordinator..... Emma Moseley  
 Groundskeeper..... Brandon Lairson



## EVENTS CALENDAR

- March 4 – Social Justice Presenter: Andrew Sansom. Dinner: 6pm, program: 6:30-7:30pm. RSVP here:
- March 4 – Amplify Austin Day – donate to the Neighbors Program.
- March 7 – Courtyard Clean-up Day – 9am-12pm. Let Kathi Thomas know if you can help!
- March 8 – Bring a Friend to Choir! Rehearsal in Sanctuary at 10am.
- March 8 – Acolyte Training in the Sanctuary at 10:30am.
- March 10 – Women’s Circle Meeting on Zoom at 10am.
- March 10 – Free Noonday Concert: Josephine Chow, pianist at noon in the Sanctuary
- March 12 - 18 – SXSW in the Sanctuary (exact days/times are TBD)
- March 18 – Holy Scrollers Book Club on Zoom.
- March 26 – Free Noonday Concert: UT Bassoon Ensemble in the Sanctuary.
- March 29 – Palm Sunday at 11am.
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship Service, begins at 5:45pm.
- April 5 – Easter!
  - ❖ Sunrise Service at 7:15am.
  - ❖ Pancake Breakfast at 9am.
  - ❖ Children’s Carnival with Petting Zoo at 9:30am.
  - ❖ Flowering the Cross at 10am.
  - ❖ Traditional Worship at 11am.



### Welcome New Visitors!

Please fill out a Visitor Information Card and drop it in the offering plate, or use this QR code to register.



### Have you signed up yet?

Serve your Church community by hosting the after-worship Fellowship Hour. You, you and your kids, your fellow pew-sitters - whatever “group” you like can be hosts! It can be done by one, but it’s easier and more fun when 2 or more get together.

The signup list is in the downstairs hallway on the bulletin board by the stairs—look for it today!

**This Week's Birthdays**

Nicole Gillam ~ March 1  
 Dalton Bleich ~ March 2  
 Loretta Calamito ~ March 2  
 Lyrika Van Vliet ~ March 4  
 Callum Kreutz ~ March 5  
 Conrad Kreutz ~ March 5  
 Jessie Coulter ~ March 7

### By the numbers...

Last week's attendance: 80

Financial Info (1/1-12/31):	Actual	Budget
Prepaid Pledges	\$ 5,084	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 552,149	\$ 518,960
Total Expenses	\$ 686,227	\$ 645,570
<b>Net Before Transfers</b>	<b>\$ (134,078)</b>	<b>\$ (126,610)</b>
<b>Transfer from Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 120,000</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (14,078)</b>	<b>\$ (126,610)</b>

### Ways to support CPC's ministries:

- Text "2026pledge", "Pastor", "Neighbors", or "Cpcdonations" to 53555.
- For PayPal/Zelle donations, use bookkeeper@cpcaustin.org.
- Mail a check to the church office.
- For Credit Card use the QR code.



## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



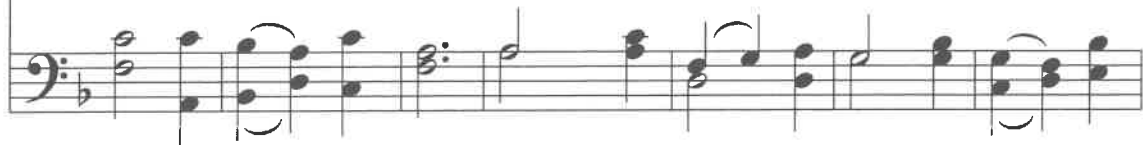
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## 740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D) (A7) (Em)  
 Refrain Eb Bb7 Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)  
 Bb Eb Bb7 Eb

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)  
 Bb7 C7 Fm Eb Bb7 Eb

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Fine*

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)  
 Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)  
 Bb Eb Eb Eb7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)  
 Fm Eb Bb7 Eb

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *to Refrain*

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

*to Refrain*

(D) (G) (Em7) (A) (D)

F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C F

spir - its,      tend - ing    ev - ery    wound and    scar.  
 wick - ed      and with    hum - ble    folk to    dwell.  
 or - der      food for    crea - tures    great and    small.  
 wor - ship,    trust - ing    in      God's    stead - fast    love.

# God Is So Good

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1 God is so good;      God is so good;  
 2 God cares for me;      God cares for me;  
 3 God loves me so;      God loves me so;  
 4 God is so good;      God is so good;

God is so good;      God's so good to me.  
 God cares for me;      God's so good to me.  
 God loves me so;      God's so good to me.  
 God is so good;      God's so good to me.

The exact origins of this chorus celebrating God's providential care are not clear, but it seems to have arisen during the 1970s. Because the text changes so little, the slowly rising four-note pattern of the tune provides the primary source of energy within its five-note range.