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THE SESSION 2024

Clerk of Session

Ruth Hopke 2024-2026

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Pete Adamson 2024-2026

Jamie Gray 2022-2024

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Nathan Richards 2023-2025

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Paul Davis 2023-2025

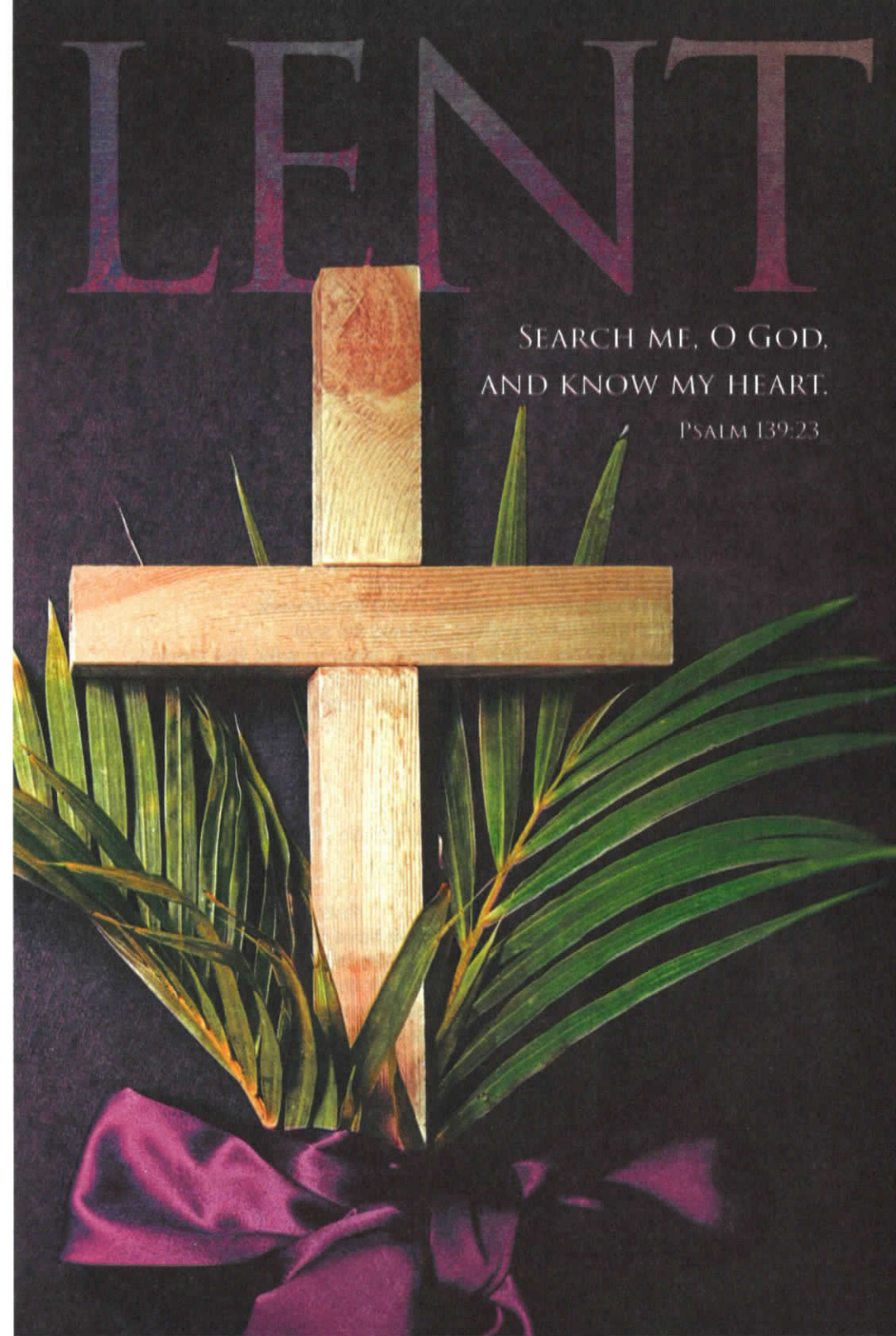
Patricia Robinson 2024-2026

Mary-Catherine Sheridan 2024-2026

Community & Mission

Davis Gammon 2024-2026

Jo White 2022-2024



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Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2024

***Please stand if you are able.**

PRELUDE Melody Raef

INTROIT Seek Ye First

WELCOME Barbara Lore

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

LENTEN READING Chris and Allison Christian

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God

People: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul

People: the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.

***SONG OF PRAISE** #333 Seek Ye First

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us approach God with our confessions, trusting that even before we speak, God knows us and loves us.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** from the Presbyterian Outlook

God of righteousness, we confess that we have not kept Your commandments. We bow down before idols; take Your name in vain; do not make adequate time to rest; We look the other way in the face of violence, oppression, and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet You gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us and enfold us in Your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** #579 Gloria Patri

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you...**And also with you.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

PRESBYTERIAN MINUTE

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Pew Bible p. 926

ANTHEM There Was Jesus

SECOND LESSON John 2:13-22; Pew Bible p. 863

SERMON "Godly Wisdom" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** #592 Doxology

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SONG OF PREPARATION #319 Spirit

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Melody Raef