

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 15, 2026



*Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS WEEKEND

- **FREEWAY CLOSURE:** I-405 is closed again this weekend (both northbound and southbound) in Bothell near the SR-522 interchange. Plan to leave a little early, slow down, and pay attention through the detours.

THIS SUNDAY (MAR 15)

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** This Sunday at **9:30AM** we continue studying New Testament letters to the churches.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP:** Everyone is invited to eat and fellowship with us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE:** Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 16 at the end of this bulletin (or the church calendar on our app or website).

NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY:** We continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (Mar 17) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **MONTHLY SESSION MEETING:** Next **Wednesday** (Mar 18) at **6:00PM** in the church library. All are welcome to attend.

COMING UP

- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** On **April 3** at **7:00PM**.
- **EASTER SUNDAY:** NO Sunday School on **April 5**. Instead, we will be having our annual **breakfast** at **9:00AM**, prepared by our men.

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** MOVED to Saturday, **April 11** at **8:00AM**.
- **QUARTERLY WIC MEETING:** The April women's meeting is being MOVED to Sunday, **April 12** during lunch.
- **PACIFIC NORTHWEST PRESBYTERY:** The next meeting will be held here at Hope on Thursday and Friday **May 21 & 22**. We will need volunteers to help in various ways.

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

from [Psalm 95:1-6](#)

SONGS OF PRAISE

["Gloria Patri"](#)

#734

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

["This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"](#) (Ps. 118)

#389

**This is the day the Lord has made;
he calls the hours his own;
let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.**

**Today he rose and left the dead,
and Satan's empire fell;
today the saints his triumphs spread,
and all his wonders tell.**

**Hosanna to th'anointed King,
to David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
salvation from the throne.**

**Blest be the Lord, who comes to men
with messages of grace;
who comes in God his Father's name
to save our sinful race.**

**Hosanna in the highest strains
the church on earth can raise!
The highest heav'ns in which he reigns
shall give him nobler praise.**

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

from [Ezekiel 18:25-28, 30b](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Sovereign and righteous Lord God, who are we to
accuse you of being unjust? Who are we to accuse you
as an excuse for turning from your ways? Yet we
confess that in our sins we reject your sovereign rule,
turning from your laws, justifying ourselves in our
rebellion. Yet we know that the wicked will die
and be punished. We hear the call to repent and turn
from our sins, and come to you not in our own
righteousness, but by your grace and through faith,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ Jesus our Savior.
In your mercy assure us of your forgiveness, we pray
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 12:3-4

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Songbook

**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss —
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life —
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart —
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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**WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again,
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 14:1-23

¹Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. ²And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" ⁴And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

⁵Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel. ⁶And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes ⁷and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. ⁸If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁹Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them." ¹⁰Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.

¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? ¹²I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”

¹³But Moses said to the LORD, “Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for you brought up this people in your might from among them, ¹⁴and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, O LORD, are in the midst of this people. For you, O LORD, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say, ¹⁶‘It is because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to give to them that he has killed them in the wilderness.’ ¹⁷And now, please let the power of the LORD be great as you have promised, saying, ¹⁸‘The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ ¹⁹Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.”

²⁰Then the LORD said, “I have pardoned, according to your word. ²¹But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD, ²²none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, ²³shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it.”

**Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me,
he, my Savior, makes me whole.
*Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.***

**Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
*Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.***

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PRAYER

[Malta \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): Acts chapter 28 documents the crash landing of the Apostle Paul on the Mediterranean island of Malta. To this day, Paul is still considered a national symbol and the founder of Christianity on the island. The Maltese people have a history that stretches back millennia and are descendants of the ancient Carthaginians and Phoenicians. Throughout this long history, Malta, located between Sicily and Tunisia, has been influenced by many more peoples such as the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, and British. A former colony of Great Britain, Malta received its independence in 1964 and is now a member of the European Union.

Today Malta's economy relies heavily on trade with other European countries, manufacturing, and tourism. Malta has low unemployment in comparison to the rest of Europe and has also mostly avoided the recent European economic crisis. With the smallest economy in the eurozone, Malta only produces about 20% of its food needs and has limited domestic water and energy supplies. A great number of immigrants pour through the island as they travel from the African continent to the European mainland. These immigrants place a great strain on the Maltese economy, resulting in social tensions between themselves and the native population.

Over 96% of the Maltese people consider themselves Christians, and the great majority of this number belong to the Roman Catholic Church, with a small Protestant population. The Maltese are very committed to their faith, with over 80% of the population saying their religion is important to them. The majority regularly attends mass. The first nation in Europe to become Christian, Malta has continued this legacy to modern times. Though there is a lack of Christian materials in Maltese, several Christian radio stations broadcast the Good News, and a program allows churches from around the world to adopt a Maltese village in prayer. While the Maltese have a strong Christian tradition, for many it is just that: a tradition. The non-religious segment of society is growing quickly, and nominalism is high. At the same time there has been a great impact, with Catholic charismatic groups, the Alpha Course, and the JESUS film growing and maturing the Church.

- Pray for transformed hearts and vibrant personal faith across the Church.
- Pray for Maltese believers to express Christ-like hospitality to international travelers.
- Pray for righteousness and justice in government and society.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

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.

SERMON TEXT

[Hebrews 3:7-8a](#)

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

“Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion...”

SERMON

“The Urgent ‘Today’”

GRATEFUL PRAISE

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

#561

**Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things you do impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will and when and where;
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE **HOLD** ELEMENTS UNTIL **ALL** ARE SERVED.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.

GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

#498 (verses 3-5)

**Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
he, my comfort, helps my soul.
*Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.***

**Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
he, my pilot, hears my cry.
*Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.***

**Jesus! I do now receive him,
more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine.
*Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.***

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
*alleluia, alleluia!***
**Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20–21

“*May the Peace of God*”

Songbook

**May the peace of God our Heav’nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.**

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EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 31

(TH page 794–795)

HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

TH #654

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21

NT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 4

PRAYERS

SERMON

1 Corinthians 4:1

“Stewards of the Mysteries of God”

(see WCF 27.4, TH page 864)

SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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