Service for the Lord's Day

The Return of the Prodigal Son
Rembrandt, 1668

Hopewell Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

§ Invites you to rise in body or spirit with the people of God.

As fallen people, we must be called from our worship of the created and focus on the proper worship of the Creator.

–We Gather to Praise –

§ Call to Worship

One: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; approach our God, who is full of mercy.

All: We will praise God with all our heart and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

§ Hymn of Praise

Priase to the Lord, the Almighty — Hymn 11

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration.

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen,
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness
and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with His love He befriend thee.

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the "Amen"
sound from His people again,
gladly forever adore Him.

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Verse 2

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

Verse 3

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb
I will Sing!
To God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Verse 4

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

§ Corporate Prayer of Confession

All: Search me, O God, and know my hearth; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

§ Assurance of Pardon

§ Response to Pardon — Gloria Patri — Hymn 614

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.

–We Share Our Life & Gifts –

Blessing Box — Tammy Spencer

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

Pastoral Prayer 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;
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.

Offertory

§ Response to God's Goodness — Doxology

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

§ Prayer of Dedication

– We Proclaim God's Word –

Affirmation of Faith — Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 43

Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.

Old Testament Lesson — Psalm 103 — Liturgist

ONE This is the word of the Lord.
ALL Thanks be to God.

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

Dismissal for Jr. Church

Sermon — Luke 15:1-31 — Rev. Brandon Jolley

– We Join to Feast –

Hymn of Preparation When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymn 171

Verse 1 **When I survey the wondrous cross**
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2 **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,**
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Verse 3 **See, from His head, His hands, His feet,**
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4 **Were the whole realm of nature mine,**
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ONE The Lord be with you
ALL And also with you.
ONE Lift up your hearts!
ALL We lift them up to the Lord!
ONE Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
ALL It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

ONE Together let us proclaim the mysteries of the faith.

ALL Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Distribution of Elements & Lord's Supper

Lord's Supper is the culmination and high point of the worship service and is a reminder of the meal we will share in the New Creation. When we eat this meal we are taken up into heaven to feast with the saints and the Lamb.

Verse 1
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Verse 3
Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Verse 4
The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Verse 5
Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

Verse 6
When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

A benediction is literally a "good word" or a blessing to carry with us as we leave our time of worship.

§ Benediction

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Thank you doesn't even begin to be enough to say to my Hopewell family, my friends of a lifetime. My girls and I so appreciate all the love, hugs, gifts and continuing prayers so, so much.

God bless you all,
Mindy Shaw and Family

SELECTION SUNDAY CONCESSION LUNCHEON: March Madness is fast approaching! AGAIN THIS YEAR…..the Deacons invite everyone to please join them today immediately following church services for a: "Selection Sunday Concession" luncheon!

SESSION MEETING: The next Session meeting will be this Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00pm.

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST: All men are invited to the last Men's Lenten Breakfast of the season. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 am this Saturday, March 21st at Greenwood.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED -

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING: There will be a short meeting about this year's VBS "Emerald Crossing; An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23" on Sunday, March 22nd immediately following service. We will be looking for volunteers and giving a glimpse into this years theme. VBS will be held June 8th - 11th.

CHILDREN'S SONG PRACTICE: We are asking for kids to arrive at 10:15 next Sunday, March 22nd and March 29th to practice their song before service. On the 29th kids will go back to the preschool room before servive to help with the beginning of our service.

CHILDREN IN SERVICE: All children (minus nursery) will be in service on Sunday, March 29th, to allow children's ministry volunteers and for all children to be apart of Sunday service. There will be activity packets available in the side sanctuary.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Hopewell Church annual EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Saturday, April 4th at 10:30 a.m. starting in Fellowship Hall. ALL are invited, adults & kids, for donuts and refreshments before the hunt. The Hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. Again this year, the Deacons are asking for donations of pre-wrapped candy only (as we already have enough empty eggs to fill). There is a large basket placed in the upper sanctuary for your candy donations. Be sure to invite your friends to join us for the refreshments, the egg hunt, and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL: The meal will begin at 5:45 in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of good fellowship and a delicious meal.

MEN'S WINTER / SPRING BIBLE STUDY: Continues Wednesday at 6:30 pm or Thursday at noon at David Yount's office.

WOMEN'S WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY: Continues Wednesday at 6:30 pm (childcare will be provided) or Friday @ 9:00 AM at Hopewell

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY AND PRAYER TIME: Thursday, at 9:30 am, in the pastor's study. We are wrapping up A Good Confession (March 12 - Ch. 51 & March 19 - Ch. 52). March 26th we're starting a new study using Kevin DeYoung's book on the Heidelburgh Catechism. The book's title is *The Good News We Almost Forgot.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Saved, Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts by Nancy Guthrie. Sunday mornings at 9:30, downstairs in the back Fellowship Hall room.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Peggy Woods, Bruce Kittle, Cooper Andreas, Kim Hamilton, Charlotte Steinberg, Nola Lory, Don Mullen, Lexi Jones, Becky Wertz, Candy Welch, Dave Pennington, Abby Dougherty Nusbaumer, Hannah McAdams, Ashley Kelly, Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer

HOMEBOUND: Norma Jean Fox, Clarellen Kelsay, Pat Mundorff, Becky Wertz

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Amy Jones-2nd; Barb Dirk -4th; Michele Burgess-8th; Grace Haehl & Cathy Johnson-13th; Elaina Smith-14th; Dorcas Abplanalp-15th; Jake Findley-18th; Harrison Wicker-21st; Mike Jones-22nd; Jackson Lee-23rd; David Yount-26th; Brent Henderson & Janet Tearman-27th;
Sable Gentry, & Victoria Yount-31st

ATTENDANCE: March 8th - 113, March Average - 117; YTD Avg.- 112

"If we say, 'I believe in Jesus,' but it doesn't affect the way we live, the answer is not that now we need to add hard work to our faith so much as that we haven't truly understood or believed in Jesus at all.

— Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*

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