



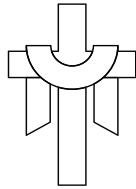
# YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

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# PCPC PRAYER GUIDE INTRODUCTION

This guide has a simple aim: to help us grow in our love for God through time in His Word and prayer. The Bible teaches that in order to love God, we need a relationship with Him. Though we had caused alienation from God by our sin, God Himself has nevertheless provided for that relationship in his overcoming the alienation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is God the Son. In union with Christ, we now have intimate access to God as our heavenly Father. Scripture and prayer are the means through which we experience, apply, and enjoy that relationship. As we learn to pray, and as we learn to listen and obey the gracious overtures of God's Word, we learn to live as God's children, loving and trusting Him more fully.

## WHY DAILY PRAYER?

Why set aside fixed times every day for prayer? Why not simply pray unprompted, when the stirring comes? Practically speaking, we are creatures attuned to rhythms. We order our lives by sunrises and sunsets, by hours, weeks, seasons, and years. Daily prayer is a way of consecrating our ordinary rhythms to God, ensuring that all of life is offered to Him. C. S. Lewis once wrote, "Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done." And so it must. Our relationship with God should take hold of our schedules, as well as our hearts.

## WHY A PRAYER GUIDE?

Here are a few compelling reasons to use a prayer guide:

1. It helps us to pray regularly.

Sometimes we may not pray regularly because we may not know where to begin. A prayer guide takes the pressure off needing to make that decision anew every day. It repeatedly says, "Start here" and let God's Word lead you into prayer.

2. It helps us to pray biblically.

The majority of the reading is from Scripture. We will read through the Psalms, a book of the Bible meant especially for prayer and worship. One of the encouraging messages reiterated in the Psalms is that you do not have to put on a happy face to live the Christian life. Praying biblically allows us to pray the truth of who we are while growing in the hope of who we might yet become.

3. It helps us to pray communally.

Though we are praying individually, we are doing so together, specifically

as a church body. This book is meant for this flock, in this time and place. To know that others with whom God has joined us are reading and praying the same words encourages us in our common journey. Prayer is a communal activity as much as an individual one.

## **HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE**

Use this guide however may be helpful to you. For many, that means using it just as it is. For those who are in the habit of family worship, you can adapt the guide to read and pray together as a family.

Here are suggestions for each of the elements:

### **The Call to Worship**

The Call to Worship is God's initiating with you through His Word. Read the call, perhaps out loud. Receive God's invitation to worship Him as spoken to you in that moment.

### **The Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving**

Praise God for who He is as He has shown in His Word and in your life. Thank Him for His presence and gifts in your life.

### **The Readings**

This prayer guide will lead us through the book of Isaiah alongside prayers in the Psalms. Isaiah is a deep dive into God's mighty acts of judgement and grace in the history of Israel with promises that point to the coming Messiah.

### **Questions for Meditation**

We have given three questions to help create space and encouragement to listen and obey the Word of God. Use these questions to guide you as you go back to circle, highlight, or write notes in the margins.

### **Prayer of Confession**

This is an opportunity to repent for the ways we have missed the mark and to receive the grace we need for renewal and change. Ask God for mercy. Ask Him to help you become more like Christ.

### **Prayer of Supplication**

We will give a new opportunity each day for you to lift up people and ministries in our community and around the world. You may also layout before God whatever burdens you carry as well as those others carry.



## **Weekly Collect**

The Weekly Collect is a way to conclude. All of the closing prayers draw from The Book of Common Prayer. They are called "collects" because they gather our prayers together and present them before God collectively as we go about our scattered lives. Pray this prayer as your own in the confidence that others are praying with you.

## **Sundays**

Sundays are unique as our time to gather and worship as a church family, to celebrate once again the victory of Christ over sin and death. There are only Psalm readings on Sunday because the liturgy of corporate worship is our primary focus. We have added a page for sermon notes.

## **A Note for Families**

This prayer guide can be a great tool for times of family worship. We suggest letting any of those who are able take turns reading each element. This ensures that everyone is involved in both hearing and speaking the Word of God with one another. During the Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving, you may each say something aloud, no matter how short or clumsy (we are all learners!). During the Prayer of Confession, take a minute to pray to God personally in the quiet of your own thoughts. This is just one way to use the guide as a family. We encourage you to explore how it might best help your own worship and devotion in your life together.

As a final word, there are many great reading plans, devotionals, and exercises to encourage in us a life of prayer. This is a way to pray, only one among many that has grown up in the history of God's people. Most important is not the method, but the reality of loving and trusting God. May your relationship with Him grow.

### **Welcome to the season of Epiphany.**

"Epiphany" comes from the Greek word meaning "disclosure or unveiling," and it was used in the ancient world to designate an official visit of a king or emperor to a city of his realm. In the tradition of the church calendar, the season of Epiphany is a celebration of Jesus's manifestation to the world as Savior and King. Epiphany begins twelve days after Christmas Day on January 6 and continues until the season of Lent, which begins this year on Wednesday, February 17.

This prayer guide will lead us through the book of Isaiah alongside prayers in the Psalms. Isaiah is a deep dive into God's mighty acts of judgement and grace in the history of Israel with promises that point to the coming Messiah. The Bible teacher Warren Wiersbe called Isaiah a "Bible in miniature" for its features that reflect the Bible as a whole. There are sixty-six chapters in Isaiah and sixty-six books in the Bible. The thirty-nine chapters of the first half of Isaiah may be compared to the thirty-nine books in the Old Testament with God's righteous judgement of sin as a major theme in both. The twenty-seven chapters of the second half of Isaiah echoes the twenty-seven books of the New Testament with the redemptive grace of God revealed.

May God bless you as we read His Word and pray together in this season of Epiphany.

# EPIPHANY

## PART I

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and  
the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

## Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 72:1-4, 10-14

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice!
- 3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands  
render him tribute;  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts!
- 11 May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him!
- 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls,  
the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.
- 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

### Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained

from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

THE BAHAMAS – Pray for missionaries Christiana and Julian Russell who serve those who were first devastated by Hurricane Dorian and then the pandemic.

### **Weekly Collect**

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

## Call to Worship

O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 43:3-4

3 Send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!  
4 Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.

### Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
3 And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
5 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

BANGLADESH – 89% are Muslim. Pray for the Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh and PCPC's involvement in the Bangladesh Partnership.

### **Weekly Collect**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

## Call to Worship

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. (Psalm 22:27)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 27:1

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

## Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

1 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

## Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## Prayer of Confession

## Prayer of Supplication

CAMBODIA – 83% are Buddhist; pray for Corey and Jessica and their team of teachers.



## Weekly Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

## Call to Worship

"Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 27:4, 8, 13-14

4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.

8 You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!

14 Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

## Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

**Prayer of Confession****Prayer of Supplication**

EAST ASIA – Pray for eight PCPC workers in East Asia; for Christians who have been imprisoned and four PCPC workers and partners who have not been allowed in country because of COVID-19 restrictions.

**Weekly Collect**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

## Psalm 124

- 1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—  
let Israel now say—
- 2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
when people rose up against us,
- 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4 then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;
- 5 then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth!
- 7 We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped!
- 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, JANUARY 11

## Call to Worship

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 125

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.
- 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
lest the righteous stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.
- 4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- 5 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!  
Peace be upon Israel!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## Prayer of Confession

## Prayer of Supplication

COLOMBIA – Pray for missionaries Lauren and Peter Dishman as they work with college students at the National University.

## Weekly Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

# TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

## Call to Worship

11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 126

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."  
3 The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.  
4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!  
5 Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!  
6 He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR CYPRUS – Pray for missionary Kelly Cunningham who serves there, that she would be able to travel soon to other countries to foster relationships between local churches and her agency.



## Weekly Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

## Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 127

1 Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain.  
2 It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.  
3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.  
4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.  
5 Blessed is the man  
who fills his quiver with them!  
He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 3

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR GERMANY – Pray for missionaries Ben and Anna Graber and their church planting team in Munich; for their church to remain open.

## Weekly Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

## Call to Worship

O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 128

- 1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
    who walks in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;  
    you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
    within your house;  
    your children will be like olive shoots  
    around your table.
- 4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
    who fears the LORD.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion!  
    May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
    all the days of your life!
- 6 May you see your children's children!  
    Peace be upon Israel!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 4

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

GERMANY – Pray for missionaries Ben and Anna Graber and their young family in Munich.

## Weekly Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

## Call to Worship

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. (Psalm 22:27)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 129

- 1 "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth"—  
let Israel now say—
- 2 "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,  
yet they have not prevailed against me.
- 3 The plowers plowed upon my back;  
they made long their furrows."
- 4 The LORD is righteous;  
he has cut the cords of the wicked.
- 5 May all who hate Zion  
be put to shame and turned backward!
- 6 Let them be like the grass on the housetops,  
which withers before it grows up,
- 7 with which the reaper does not fill his hand  
nor the binder of sheaves his arms,
- 8 nor do those who pass by say,  
"The blessing of the LORD be upon you!  
We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR GHANA – Pray for missionaries Donna and Rick Buddemeier and the Third Millennium biblical education tools being used by 500 pastors there.

## Weekly Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

## Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
- 2 O LORD, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- 3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O LORD, who could stand?
- 4 But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.
- 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;
- 6 my soul waits for the LORD  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.
- 8 And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR INDIA – 74% are Hindu. Pray for PCPC partners Paul and Shirley; for Indian students at SMU involved with RUF International; for Kathy as she trains women online.



## Weekly Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

## Psalm 131

- 1 O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;  
my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.
- 2 But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- 3 O Israel, hope in the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.

*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, JANUARY 18

## Call to Worship

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 132

- 1 Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,  
all the hardships he endured,
- 2 how he swore to the LORD  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
- 3 "I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed,
- 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,
- 5 until I find a place for the LORD,  
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
- 7 "Let us go to his dwelling place;  
let us worship at his footstool!"
- 8 Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place,  
you and the ark of your might.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,  
and let your saints shout for joy.
- 10 For the sake of your servant David,  
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
- 11 The LORD swore to David a sure oath  
from which he will not turn back:  
"One of the sons of your body  
I will set on your throne.
- 12 If your sons keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their sons also forever  
shall sit on your throne."
- 13 For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his dwelling place:
- 14 "This is my resting place forever;  
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
- 15 I will abundantly bless her provisions;  
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 16 Her priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and her saints will shout for joy.
- 17 There I will make a horn to sprout for David;

I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.  
18 His enemies I will clothe with shame,  
but on him his crown will shine."

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR INDONESIA – the largest Muslim nation in the world. Pray for potential PCPC missionaries to serve there.

#### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

## Call to Worship

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 133

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!  
2 It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!  
3 It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 8

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR IRAN – Over 98% are Muslim. Pray for Iranian refugees and students served through PCPC ESL classes, For the Nations Refugee Outreach and RUF International.

## Weekly Collect

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

## Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 134

- 1 Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
- 2 Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD!
- 3 May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR ITALY – Pray for Hillary and Terrance and their church, under lockdown again with school and ministry online.

## Weekly Collect

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*





# THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

## Call to Worship

O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 135

- 1 Praise the LORD!
- Praise the name of the LORD,  
give praise, O servants of the LORD,
- 2 who stand in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God!
- 3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
- 4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,  
Israel as his own possession.
- 5 For I know that the LORD is great,  
and that our LORD is above all gods.
- 6 Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,  
in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all deeps.
- 7 He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,  
who makes lightnings for the rain  
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.
- 8 He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
both of man and of beast;
- 9 who in your midst, O Egypt,  
sent signs and wonders  
against Pharaoh and all his servants;
- 10 who struck down many nations  
and killed mighty kings,
- 11 Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, king of Bashan,  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan,
- 12 and gave their land as a heritage,  
a heritage to his people Israel.
- 13 Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
- 14 For the Lord will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants.
- 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but do not speak;

they have eyes, but do not see;  
17 they have ears, but do not hear,  
nor is there any breath in their mouths.  
18 Those who make them become like them,  
so do all who trust in them.  
19 O house of Israel, bless the LORD!  
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!  
20 O house of Levi, bless the LORD!  
You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!  
21 Blessed be the LORD from Zion,  
he who dwells in Jerusalem!  
Praise the LORD!

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 10**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?  
What does it teach you about God and yourself?  
How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR JAPAN – Pray for missionaries in Japan: Carol and Dan Iverson, Taylor and Brett Rayl, Jenny and Tim Martin, PCPC partners Seima and Naoko Aoyagi and for Shannon DeBoer, training to serve there.

#### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

## Call to Worship

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. (Psalm 22:27)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 136

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 3 Give thanks to the LORD of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 4 to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 5 to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 6 to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 7 to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 8 the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 11 and brought Israel out from among them,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 13 to him who divided the Red Sea in two,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 14 and made Israel pass through the midst of it,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 15 but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 16 to him who led his people through the wilderness,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 17 to him who struck down great kings,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 18 and killed mighty kings,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,

for his steadfast love endures forever;  
20 and Og, king of Bashan,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
21 and gave their land as a heritage,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
22 a heritage to Israel his servant,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
24 and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
25 he who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR LAOS – Pray for PCPC's Lao Presbyterian Fellowship members in Dallas who have not been able to meet in person during the pandemic.

#### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

## Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 137

- 1 By the waters of Babylon,  
there we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered Zion.
- 2 On the willows there  
we hung up our lyres.
- 3 For there our captors  
required of us songs,  
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD's song  
in a foreign land?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand forget its skill!
- 6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy!
- 7 Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem,  
how they said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare,  
down to its foundations!"
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,  
blessed shall he be who repays you  
with what you have done to us!
- 9 Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones  
and dashes them against the rock!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 12

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

## **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR LEBANON – Pray for pastor Imad and his online ministry; pray for the mercy ministry serving those who lost homes and lives after the Beirut explosions.

## **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

## Psalm 138

- 1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- 2 I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.
- 3 On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- 5 and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- 8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands



*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, JANUARY 25

## Call to Worship

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 139

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
10 even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"  
12 even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.
- 13 For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

- How vast is the sum of them!  
18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand.  
I awake, and I am still with you.  
19 Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!  
O men of blood, depart from me!  
20 They speak against you with malicious intent;  
your enemies take your name in vain.  
21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?  
22 I hate them with complete hatred;  
I count them my enemies.  
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 13**

#### **Time of Reflection**

- What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?  
What does it teach you about God and yourself?  
How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR LITHUANIA – 1.1 % are evangelical. Pray for Jennie and Matt as Matt pastors the International Church of Vilnius and they care for its members.

#### **Weekly Collect**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

# TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

## Call to Worship

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 140

- 1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men;  
preserve me from violent men,
- 2 who plan evil things in their heart  
and stir up wars continually.
- 3 They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's,  
and under their lips is the venom of asps. Selah
- 4 Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;  
preserve me from violent men,  
who have planned to trip up my feet.
- 5 The arrogant have hidden a trap for me,  
and with cords they have spread a net;  
beside the way they have set snares for me. Selah
- 6 I say to the LORD, You are my God;  
give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!
- 7 O LORD, my Lord, the strength of my salvation,  
you have covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked;  
do not further their evil plot, or they will be exalted! Selah
- 9 As for the head of those who surround me,  
let the mischief of their lips overwhelm them!
- 10 Let burning coals fall upon them!  
Let them be cast into fire,  
into miry pits, no more to rise!
- 11 Let not the slanderer be established in the land;  
let evil hunt down the violent man speedily!
- 12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted,  
and will execute justice for the needy.
- 13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name;  
the upright shall dwell in your presence.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 14

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR MEXICO – Pray for missionaries Jon and Libby White and PCPC partners Ruth and Andres Garza as they train up young leaders. Pray for those from Mexico that Celeste and Steve Tenpenny serve at PCPC and at Cristo Rey Presbyterian Church.

### **Weekly Collect**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

## Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 141

- 1 O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me!  
Give ear to my voice when I call to you!
- 2 Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!
- 3 Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;  
keep watch over the door of my lips!
- 4 Do not let my heart incline to any evil,  
to busy myself with wicked deeds  
in company with men who work iniquity,  
and let me not eat of their delicacies!
- 5 Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness;  
let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head;  
let my head not refuse it.  
Yet my prayer is continually against their evil deeds.
- 6 When their judges are thrown over the cliff,  
then they shall hear my words, for they are pleasant.
- 7 As when one plows and breaks up the earth,  
so shall our bones be scattered at the mouth of Sheol.
- 8 But my eyes are toward you, O God, my Lord;  
in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!
- 9 Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me  
and from the snares of evildoers!
- 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,  
while I pass by safely.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 15

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR MYANMAR – 80% are Buddhist. Pray for Claire and Dave as he serves the team there from the U.S.

## Weekly Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

## Call to Worship

O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 142

1 With my voice I cry out to the LORD;  
with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

2 I pour out my complaint before him;  
I tell my trouble before him.

3 When my spirit faints within me,  
you know my way!

In the path where I walk  
they have hidden a trap for me.

4 Look to the right and see:  
there is none who takes notice of me;  
no refuge remains to me;  
no one cares for my soul.

5 I cry to you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."

6 Attend to my cry,  
for I am brought very low!  
Deliver me from my persecutors,  
for they are too strong for me!

7 Bring me out of prison,  
that I may give thanks to your name!  
The righteous will surround me,  
for you will deal bountifully with me.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 16

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession



### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR NEPAL – 75% are Hindu. Pray for Kathy and Rick who train leaders there virtually.

### **Weekly Collect**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

## Call to Worship

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. (Psalm 22:27)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 143

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD;  
give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.
- 3 For the enemy has pursued my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- 4 Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.
- 5 I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all that you have done;  
I ponder the work of your hands.
- 6 I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah
- 7 Answer me quickly, O LORD!  
My spirit fails!  
Hide not your face from me,  
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- 8 Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,  
for in you I trust.  
Make me know the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
I have fled to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God!  
Let your good Spirit lead me  
on level ground!
- 11 For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- 12 And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,  
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,  
for I am your servant.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 17

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR PANAMA – Pray for missionaries Ann and Bill Bivin as they continue to recruit and train translation consultants.

### **Weekly Collect**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

## Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 144

- 1 Blessed be the LORD, my rock,  
    who trains my hands for war,  
    and my fingers for battle;
- 2 he is my steadfast love and my fortress,  
    my stronghold and my deliverer,  
my shield and he in whom I take refuge,  
    who subdues peoples under me.
- 3 O LORD, what is man that you regard him,  
    or the son of man that you think of him?
- 4 Man is like a breath;  
    his days are like a passing shadow.
- 5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down!  
    Touch the mountains so that they smoke!
- 6 Flash forth the lightning and scatter them;  
    send out your arrows and rout them!
- 7 Stretch out your hand from on high;  
    rescue me and deliver me from the many waters,  
    from the hand of foreigners,
- 8 whose mouths speak lies  
    and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 I will sing a new song to you, O God;  
    upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,
- 10 who gives victory to kings,  
    who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword.
- 11 Rescue me and deliver me  
    from the hand of foreigners,  
whose mouths speak lies  
    and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 12 May our sons in their youth  
    be like plants full grown,  
our daughters like corner pillars  
    cut for the structure of a palace;
- 13 may our granaries be full,  
    providing all kinds of produce;  
may our sheep bring forth thousands  
    and ten thousands in our fields;
- 14 may our cattle be heavy with young,

suffering no mishap or failure in bearing;  
may there be no cry of distress in our streets!  
15 Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall!  
Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 18**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR PERU – Pray for missionaries in Cusco, Ruth and Keith Powlison, as they train and disciple leaders and church planters.

#### **Weekly Collect**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

## Psalm 145

- 1 I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.
  - 2 Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.
  - 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.
  - 4 One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.
  - 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
  - 6 They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.
  - 7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
  - 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
  - 9 The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
  - 10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!
  - 11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,
  - 12 to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
  - 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- [The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and kind in all his works.]
- 14 The LORD upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.
  - 15 The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.
  - 16 You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
  - 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and kind in all his works.
  - 18 The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.
  - 19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.
  - 20 The LORD preserves all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.
  - 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

## Call to Worship

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 146

1 Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
3 Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.  
5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
6 who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
7 who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.  
9 The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
10 The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 19

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession



### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR RUSSIA – Pray for Sarah and Graham and their church planting team as they work to purchase a building.

### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

## Call to Worship

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 147

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- 2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the humble;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares rain for the earth;  
he makes grass grow on the hills.
- 9 He gives to the beasts their food,  
and to the young ravens that cry.
- 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,  
11 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!
- 13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.
- 14 He makes peace in your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.
- 15 He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.
- 16 He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.
- 17 He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;

who can stand before his cold?  
18 He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.  
19 He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and rules to Israel.  
20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his rules.  
Praise the LORD!

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 20**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?  
What does it teach you about God and yourself?  
How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR SENEGAL – 91% are Muslim. Pray for Dick and Sue who faithfully serve the local church and West Africa Reformed Mission. Pray for PCPC partner Mamadou as he leads a growing church.

#### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

## Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 148

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.
- 6 And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- 8 fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!
- 9 Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!
- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the LORD!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 21

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR SPAIN – Pray for PCPC friends Suzanne and Guille Terrazas as they encourage church leaders and help plant a church in Malaga.

### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

## Call to Worship

O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 149

1 Praise the LORD!  
Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!  
2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!  
3 Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!  
4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.  
5 Let the godly exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.  
6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,  
7 to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishments on the peoples,  
8 to bind their kings with chains  
and their nobles with fetters of iron,  
9 to execute on them the judgment written!  
This is honor for all his godly ones.  
Praise the LORD!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 22

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR VIETNAM – Pray for fruit from training that was done there in 2019. Pray for PCPC ESL students from Vietnam.

## Weekly Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

## Call to Worship

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. (Psalm 22:27)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 150

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 23

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR THAILAND – 85% are Buddhist. Pray for Ruth who served the medical community there many years and now, because of COVID-19 restrictions, serves them virtually from Dallas.

## Weekly Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*





# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

## Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.  
3 He is like a tree  
    planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.  
4 The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 24

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR UKRAINE – Pray for missionaries Masha and Doug Shepherd in L'viv, for the church and university ministry there as they try to meet these winter months during a pandemic.

## Weekly Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

## Psalm 2

- 1 Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?
  - 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
  - 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us."
  - 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the LORD holds them in derision.
  - 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
  - 6 "As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill."
  - 7 I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.
  - 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.
  - 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
  - 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
  - 11 Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.
  - 12 Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

## Call to Worship

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 3

1 O LORD, how many are my foes!  
Many are rising against me;  
2 many are saying of my soul,  
"There is no salvation for him in God." Selah  
3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,  
my glory, and the lifter of my head.  
4 I cried aloud to the LORD,  
and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah  
5 I lay down and slept;  
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.  
6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.  
7 Arise, O LORD!  
Save me, O my God!  
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;  
you break the teeth of the wicked.  
8 Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
your blessing be on your people! Selah

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS AND BIBLE TRANSLATION –  
Pray for Pam and David who have worked many years translating the Bible for an unreached people group; for Megan as she prepares to work in translation with another unreached people group.

## Weekly Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

## Call to Worship

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!  
You have given me relief when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- 2 O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?  
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah
- 3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.
- 4 Be angry, and do not sin;  
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah
- 5 Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?  
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"
- 7 You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 26

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR ZAMBIA – Pray for mission agencies Arise Africa and Family Legacy as they share the Gospel and minister to children. Pray for the many PCPC members who have been and hope to serve there this summer.



## Weekly Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

## Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 5

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD;  
consider my groaning.
- 2 Give attention to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God,  
for to you do I pray.
- 3 O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.
- 4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
evil may not dwell with you.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;  
you hate all evildoers.
- 6 You destroy those who speak lies;  
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- 7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
will enter your house.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
in the fear of you.
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness  
because of my enemies;  
make your way straight before me.
- 9 For there is no truth in their mouth;  
their inmost self is destruction;  
their throat is an open grave;  
they flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Make them bear their guilt, O God;  
let them fall by their own counsels;  
because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,  
for they have rebelled against you.
- 11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy,  
and spread your protection over them,  
that those who love your name may exult in you.
- 12 For you bless the righteous, O LORD;  
you cover him with favor as with a shield.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 27

**Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

**Prayer of Confession****Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR ZIMBABWE – Pray for Kathy and Rick who train national pastors and their wives there virtually.

**Weekly Collect**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

## Call to Worship

O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 6

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,  
nor discipline me in your wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;  
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- 3 My soul also is greatly troubled.  
But you, O LORD —how long?
- 4 Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;  
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- 5 For in death there is no remembrance of you;  
in Sheol who will give you praise?
- 6 I am weary with my moaning;  
every night I flood my bed with tears;  
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- 7 My eye wastes away because of grief;  
it grows weak because of all my foes.
- 8 Depart from me, all you workers of evil,  
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD has heard my plea;  
the LORD accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;  
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 28

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S. – Pray for PCPC missionaries Chris and Sarah Morrison who pastor and care for RUF-I pastors across the U.S.; for PCPC Missionary Heidi Hill who serves at SMU along with Fee Kennedy and Sophia Navarro.

## Weekly Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

## Call to Worship

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. (Psalm 22:27)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 7

- 1 O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge;  
save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,
- 2 lest like a lion they tear my soul apart,  
rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this,  
if there is wrong in my hands,
- 4 if I have repaid my friend with evil  
or plundered my enemy without cause,
- 5 let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,  
and let him trample my life to the ground  
and lay my glory in the dust. Selah
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in your anger;  
lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies;  
awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.
- 7 Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you;  
over it return on high.
- 8 The LORD judges the peoples;  
judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness  
and according to the integrity that is in me.
- 9 Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end,  
and may you establish the righteous—  
you who test the minds and hearts,  
O righteous God!
- 10 My shield is with God,  
who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a righteous judge,  
and a God who feels indignation every day.
- 12 If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword;  
he has bent and readied his bow;
- 13 he has prepared for him his deadly weapons,  
making his arrows fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, the wicked man conceives evil  
and is pregnant with mischief  
and gives birth to lies.
- 15 He makes a pit, digging it out,  
and falls into the hole that he has made.
- 16 His mischief returns upon his own head,

and on his own skull his violence descends.  
17 I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness,  
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 29**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR NATIONAL WORKERS IN THE U.S. – Pray for those who reach out to college students through RUF (James Madden at SMU); those who coordinate church planting in the Southwest (Bill Thomas) and those who reach out to lawmakers in Washington D.C. through Ministry to State (PCPC Missionary Will Stockdale).

#### **Weekly Collect**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

## Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 8

1 O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.  
3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
4 what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?  
5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.  
6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,  
7 all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
9 O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 30

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR PRISONERS IN THE U.S. – Pray for missionaries Laura and Paul Miller and Maribeth and Rusty Coffee who reach out to prisoners in Texas; pray that soon they will be able to visit prisoners again.



## Weekly Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

## Psalm 9

- 1 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- 2 I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies turn back,  
they stumble and perish before your presence.
- 4 For you have maintained my just cause;  
you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish;  
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- 6 The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;  
their cities you rooted out;  
the very memory of them has perished.
- 7 But the LORD sits enthroned forever;  
he has established his throne for justice,
- 8 and he judges the world with righteousness;  
he judges the peoples with uprightness.
- 9 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.
- 10 And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!  
Tell among the peoples his deeds!
- 12 For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;  
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- 13 Be gracious to me, O LORD!  
See my affliction from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gates of death,
- 14 that I may recount all your praises,  
that in the gates of the daughter of Zion  
I may rejoice in your salvation.
- 15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;  
in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.
- 16 The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment;  
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgsaion. Selah
- 17 The wicked shall return to Sheol,  
all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
- 19 Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;  
let the nations be judged before you!
- 20 Put them in fear, O LORD!  
Let the nations know that they are but men! Selah

*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

## Call to Worship

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 10

- 1 Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?  
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
- 2 In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;  
let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,  
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.
- 4 In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him;  
all his thoughts are, "There is no God."
- 5 His ways prosper at all times;  
your judgments are on high, out of his sight;  
as for all his foes, he puffs at them.
- 6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved;  
throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."
- 7 His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;  
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
- 8 He sits in ambush in the villages;  
in hiding places he murders the innocent.  
His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;
- 9 he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;  
he lurks that he may seize the poor;  
he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.
- 10 The helpless are crushed, sink down,  
and fall by his might.
- 11 He says in his heart, "God has forgotten,  
he has hidden his face, he will never see it."
- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;  
forget not the afflicted.
- 13 Why does the wicked renounce God  
and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"?
- 14 But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation,  
that you may take it into your hands;  
to you the helpless commits himself;  
you have been the helper of the fatherless.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;  
call his wickedness to account till you find none.
- 16 The LORD is king forever and ever;  
the nations perish from his land.

17 O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;  
you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear  
18 to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,  
so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 31**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

PRAY FOR REFUGEES IN THE U.S. – Pray for missionaries Claire Kornfield and Sarah and Jake Waid who serve refugees at For the Nations Refugee Outreach in Dallas; for Vickery Trading Company as they also work with refugees in Dallas.

#### **Weekly Collect**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

## Call to Worship

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 11

1 In the LORD I take refuge;  
how can you say to my soul,  
"Flee like a bird to your mountain,  
2 for behold, the wicked bend the bow;  
they have fitted their arrow to the string  
to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;  
3 if the foundations are destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?"  
4 The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD's throne is in heaven;  
his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.  
5 The LORD tests the righteous,  
but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.  
6 Let him rain coals on the wicked;  
fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.  
7 For the LORD is righteous;  
he loves righteous deeds;  
the upright shall behold his face.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 32

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES IN DALLAS who fight for justice and proclaim the Gospel in our city: Ellen and Reid Porter and Annie Roberson.

## Weekly Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Welcome to the season of Lent.**

"Lent" or "Lenten" traces its roots to the word meaning "lengthen." Lent is the time of year when the days grow longer, and we look forward to the warmth and new life of spring. As the days lengthen, we too are to prepare our hearts for the annual commemoration of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is a time to reflect on our lives, to repent of our sins, and to experience anew the cleansing power of God's mercy to us in Jesus.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17th, and continues until Saturday, April 3rd, the day before Easter Sunday.

This spring, our Prayer Guide has been following the prophecies found in Isaiah. Our readings began in the season of Epiphany and now continue into Lent and Holy Week. As we read and pray, we will hear grace declared to a people who once walked in darkness.

May God bless you in this season of Lent, causing you to remember and repent of your sin and to cling more dependently to Jesus Christ, our gracious Savior and faithful King.



**LENT & HOLY WEEK**  
PART II

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and  
the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

## Call to Worship

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:3)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 12

- 1 Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone;  
for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.
- 2 Everyone utters lies to his neighbor;  
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
- 3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,  
the tongue that makes great boasts,
- 4 those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail,  
our lips are with us; who is master over us?"
- 5 "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan,  
I will now arise," says the LORD;  
"I will place him in the safety for which he longs."
- 6 The words of the LORD are pure words,  
like silver refined in a furnace on the ground,  
purified seven times.
- 7 You, O LORD, will keep them;  
you will guard us from this generation forever.
- 8 On every side the wicked prowl,  
as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 33

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who struggle and desire victory to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is struggling and desires victory.*

## Weekly Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins, may receive from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

## Call to Worship

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 13

- 1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- 3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- 4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- 5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 34

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who sin and need a Savior to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is in sin and needs a Savior.*

### Weekly Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins, may receive from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

## Call to Worship

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 14

- 1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is none who does good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand,  
who seek after God.
- 3 They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
there is none who does good,  
not even one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 There they are in great terror,  
for God is with the generation of the righteous.
- 6 You would shame the plans of the poor,  
but the LORD is his refuge.
- 7 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

## **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who are strangers and want fellowship to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who feels like a stranger and wants fellowship.*

## **Weekly Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins, may receive from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

## Call to Worship

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:10a, 11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 15

1 O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?  
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?  
2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right  
and speaks truth in his heart;  
3 who does not slander with his tongue  
and does no evil to his neighbor,  
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;  
4 in whose eyes a vile person is despised,  
but who honors those who fear the LORD;  
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;  
5 who does not put out his money at interest  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things shall never be moved.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 36

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?  
What does it teach you about God and yourself?  
How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who hungers and thirsts after righteousness and for those you hope will come with you into this church's doors.*



## Weekly Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins, may receive from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

## Psalm 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- 2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."
- 3 As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.
- 4 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.
- 5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.
- 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.
- 10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.
- 11 You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

## Call to Worship

As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. (Isaiah 52:14-15)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 17

- 1 Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry!  
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!
- 2 From your presence let my vindication come!  
Let your eyes behold the right!
- 3 You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night,  
you have tested me, and you will find nothing;  
I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.
- 4 With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- 5 My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.
- 6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me; hear my words.
- 7 Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O Savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
- 9 from the wicked who do me violence,  
my deadly enemies who surround me.
- 10 They close their hearts to pity;  
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
- 11 They have now surrounded our steps;  
they set their eyes to cast us to the ground.
- 12 He is like a lion eager to tear,  
as a young lion lurking in ambush.
- 13 Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him!  
Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword,
- 14 from men by your hand, O LORD,  
from men of the world whose portion is in this life.  
You fill their womb with treasure;  
they are satisfied with children,  
and they leave their abundance to their infants.
- 15 As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

## **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 37**

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who are spiritually weary and seek rest to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is spiritually weary and seeks rest.*

### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

## Call to Worship

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:1-2)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 18:1-19

- 1 I love you, O LORD, my strength.
- 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- 3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.
- 4 The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of destruction assailed me;
- 5 the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.
- 7 Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations also of the mountains trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.
- 8 Smoke went up from his nostrils,  
and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.
- 9 He bowed the heavens and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.
- 10 He rode on a cherub and flew;  
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,  
thick clouds dark with water.
- 12 Out of the brightness before him  
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.
- 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Most High uttered his voice,  
hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;  
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.
- 15 Then the channels of the sea were seen,

and the foundations of the world were laid bare  
at your rebuke, O LORD,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.  
16 He sent from on high, he took me;  
he drew me out of many waters.  
17 He rescued me from my strong enemy  
and from those who hated me,  
for they were too mighty for me.  
18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity,  
but the LORD was my support.  
19 He brought me out into a broad place;  
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 38**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who mourn and long for comfort to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who mourns and longs for comfort.*

#### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

## Call to Worship

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:3)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 18:20-30

- 20 The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness;  
according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.
- 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,  
and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- 22 For all his rules were before me,  
and his statutes I did not put away from me.
- 23 I was blameless before him,  
and I kept myself from my guilt.
- 24 So the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness,  
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
- 25 With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
- 26 with the purified you show yourself pure;  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
- 27 For you save a humble people,  
but the haughty eyes you bring down.
- 28 For it is you who light my lamp;  
the LORD my God lightens my darkness.
- 29 For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- 30 This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 39

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession



## **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who struggle and desire victory to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is struggling and desires victory.*

## **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

## Call to Worship

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 18:31-40

- 31 For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?—  
32 the God who equipped me with strength  
and made my way blameless.  
33 He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.  
34 He trains my hands for war,  
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.  
35 You have given me the shield of your salvation,  
and your right hand supported me,  
and your gentleness made me great.  
36 You gave a wide place for my steps under me,  
and my feet did not slip.  
37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them,  
and did not turn back till they were consumed.  
38 I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise;  
they fell under my feet.  
39 For you equipped me with strength for the battle;  
you made those who rise against me sink under me.  
40 You made my enemies turn their backs to me,  
and those who hated me I destroyed.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who sin and need a Savior to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is in sin and needs a Savior.*

## Weekly Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

## Call to Worship

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 18:41-50

- 41 They cried for help, but there was none to save;  
they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.
- 42 I beat them fine as dust before the wind;  
I cast them out like the mire of the streets.
- 43 You delivered me from strife with the people;  
you made me the head of the nations;  
people whom I had not known served me.
- 44 As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me;  
foreigners came cringing to me.
- 45 Foreigners lost heart  
and came trembling out of their fortresses.
- 46 The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation—
- 47 the God who gave me vengeance  
and subdued peoples under me,
- 48 who rescued me from my enemies;  
yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me;  
you delivered me from the man of violence.
- 49 For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,  
and sing to your name.
- 50 Great salvation he brings to his king,  
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,  
to David and his offspring forever.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 41

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who are strangers and want fellowship to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who feels like a stranger and wants fellowship.*

### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

## Call to Worship

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:10a, 11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.
- 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- 5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;  
the rules of the LORD are true,  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can discern his errors?  
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- 13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.  
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

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I pray for all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

## Psalm 20

- 1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!  
    May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- 2 May he send you help from the sanctuary  
    and give you support from Zion!
- 3 May he remember all your offerings  
    and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah
- 4 May he grant you your heart's desire  
    and fulfill all your plans!
- 5 May we shout for joy over your salvation,  
    and in the name of our God set up our banners!  
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!
- 6 Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;  
    he will answer him from his holy heaven  
    with the saving might of his right hand.
- 7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
    but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall,  
    but we rise and stand upright.
- 9 O LORD, save the king!  
    May he answer us when we call.



*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, MARCH 1

## Call to Worship

As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. (Isaiah 52:14-15)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 21

- 1 O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices,  
and in your salvation how greatly he exults!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire  
and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah
- 3 For you meet him with rich blessings;  
you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked life of you; you gave it to him,  
length of days forever and ever.
- 5 His glory is great through your salvation;  
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.
- 6 For you make him most blessed forever;  
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
- 7 For the king trusts in the LORD,  
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.
- 8 Your hand will find out all your enemies;  
your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- 9 You will make them as a blazing oven  
when you appear.  
The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath,  
and fire will consume them.
- 10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth,  
and their offspring from among the children of man.
- 11 Though they plan evil against you,  
though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.
- 12 For you will put them to flight;  
you will aim at their faces with your bows.
- 13 Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

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*Pray by name for anyone you know who is spiritually weary and seeks rest.*

### **Weekly Collect**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 2

### Call to Worship

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:1-2)

### Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

#### Psalm 22:1-18

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- 4 In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- 6 But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- 9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- 10 On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- 11 Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- 13 they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;
- 15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

16 For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—  
17 I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
18 they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 44**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who mourn and long for comfort to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who mourns and longs for comfort.*

#### **Weekly Collect**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

## Call to Worship

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:3)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 22:19-31

- 19 But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
    O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
    my precious life from the power of the dog!  
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
    in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- 23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
    All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
    and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- 24 For he has not despised or abhorred  
    the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
    but has heard, when he cried to him.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
    my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
    those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
    May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
    and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
    shall worship before you.
- 28 For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
    and he rules over the nations.
- 29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
    before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
    even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- 30 Posterity shall serve him;  
    it shall be told of the LORD to the coming generation;
- 31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet  
unborn,  
    that he has done it.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 45

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?  
What does it teach you about God and yourself?  
How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who struggle and desire victory to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is struggling and desires victory.*

### **Weekly Collect**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY, MARCH 4

## Call to Worship

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 46

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who sin and need a Savior to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is in sin and needs a Savior.*



## Weekly Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY, MARCH 5

## Call to Worship

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,
- 2 for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.
- 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory! Selah

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 47

### Time of Reflection

- What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?
- What does it teach you about God and yourself?
- How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

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### **Weekly Collect**

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# SATURDAY, MARCH 6

## Call to Worship

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## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 25

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.
- 6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 11 For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
- 12 Who is the man who fears the LORD?  
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
- 13 His soul shall abide in well-being,  
and his offspring shall inherit the land.
- 14 The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,  
and he makes known to them his covenant.
- 15 My eyes are ever toward the Lord,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.
- 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.

- 18 Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.
- 19 Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hatred they hate me.
- 20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
- 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for you.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all his troubles.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 48**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

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#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

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#### **Weekly Collect**

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 7

### Psalm 26

- 1 Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- 2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in your faithfulness.
- 4 I do not sit with men of falsehood,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- 5 I hate the assembly of evildoers,  
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I wash my hands in innocence  
and go around your altar, O LORD,  
7 proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- 8 O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
and the place where your glory dwells.
- 9 Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,  
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,  
10 in whose hands are evil devices,  
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- 11 But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;  
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground;  
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, MARCH 8

## Call to Worship

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## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 27

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
2 When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.  
3 Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.  
5 For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.  
6 And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.  
7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
8 You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."  
9 Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,



O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.  
11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.  
13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
14 Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

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#### **Prayer of Confession**

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# TUESDAY, MARCH 9

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## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 28

- 1 To you, O LORD, I call;  
my rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if you be silent to me,  
I become like those who go down to the pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,  
when I cry to you for help,  
when I lift up my hands  
toward your most holy sanctuary.
- 3 Do not drag me off with the wicked,  
with the workers of evil,  
who speak peace with their neighbors  
while evil is in their hearts.
- 4 Give to them according to their work  
and according to the evil of their deeds;  
give to them according to the work of their hands;  
render them their due reward.
- 5 Because they do not regard the works of the LORD  
or the work of his hands,  
he will tear them down and build them up no more.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD!  
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
- 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him.
- 8 The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
- 9 Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!  
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

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# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

## Call to Worship

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:3)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- 11 May the LORD give strength to his people!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who struggle and desire victory to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is struggling and desires victory.*

## Weekly Collect

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY, MARCH 11

## Call to Worship

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Isaiah 30

- 1 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.
- 3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."
- 7 By your favor, O LORD,  
you made my mountain stand strong;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.
- 8 To you, O LORD, I cry,  
and to the LORD I plead for mercy:
- 9 "What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?"
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"
- 11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,
- 12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who sin and need a Savior to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is in sin and needs a Savior.*

### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY, MARCH 12

## Call to Worship

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 31:1-10

- 1 In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!
- 2 Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily!
- Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!
- 3 For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
- 4 you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.
- 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- 6 I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
but I trust in the LORD.
- 7 I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have known the distress of my soul,
- 8 and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.
- 9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief;  
my soul and my body also.
- 10 For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
and my bones waste away.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53



### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who are strangers and want fellowship to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who feels like a stranger and wants fellowship.*

### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# SATURDAY, MARCH 13

## Call to Worship

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:10a, 11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 31:11-24

11 Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,  
especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.  
12 I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.  
13 For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror on every side!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.  
14 But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my God."  
15 My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!  
16 Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!  
17 O LORD, let me not be put to shame,  
for I call upon you;  
let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them go silently to Sheol.  
18 Let the lying lips be mute,  
which speak insolently against the righteous  
in pride and contempt.  
19 Oh, how abundant is your goodness,  
which you have stored up for those who fear you  
and worked for those who take refuge in you,  
in the sight of the children of mankind!  
20 In the cover of your presence you hide them  
from the plots of men;  
you store them in your shelter  
from the strife of tongues.  
21 Blessed be the LORD,  
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me  
when I was in a besieged city.  
22 I had said in my alarm,  
"I am cut off from your sight."

But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy  
when I cried to you for help.  
23 Love the LORD, all you his saints!  
The LORD preserves the faithful  
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.  
24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the LORD!

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 54**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who hungers and thirsts after righteousness and for those you hope will come with you into this church's doors.*

#### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# SUNDAY, MARCH 14

## Psalm 32

- 1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah
- 6 Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.
- 7 You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- 9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.
- 10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, MARCH 15

## Call to Worship

As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. (Isaiah 52:14-15)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 33

- 1 Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.
- 2 Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- 3 Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;  
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of his heart to all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all the children of man;
- 14 from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,  
15 he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.
- 16 The king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
19 that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.  
20 Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.  
21 For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.  
22 Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who are spiritually weary and seek rest to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is spiritually weary and seeks rest.*

#### **Weekly Collect**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# TUESDAY, MARCH 16

## Call to Worship

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:1-2)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 34

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!
- 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.



- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- 20 He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.
- 21 Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 56**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who mourn and long for comfort to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who mourns and longs for comfort.*

#### **Weekly Collect**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

## Call to Worship

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:3)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 35:1-18

- 1 Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;  
fight against those who fight against me!
- 2 Take hold of shield and buckler  
and rise for my help!
- 3 Draw the spear and javelin  
against my pursuers!  
Say to my soul,  
"I am your salvation!"
- 4 Let them be put to shame and dishonor  
who seek after my life!  
Let them be turned back and disappointed  
who devise evil against me!
- 5 Let them be like chaff before the wind,  
with the angel of the LORD driving them away!
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery,  
with the angel of the LORD pursuing them!
- 7 For without cause they hid their net for me;  
without cause they dug a pit for my life.
- 8 Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it!  
And let the net that he hid ensnare him;  
let him fall into it—to his destruction!
- 9 Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD,  
exulting in his salvation.
- 10 All my bones shall say,  
"O LORD, who is like you,  
delivering the poor  
from him who is too strong for him,  
the poor and needy from him who robs him?"
- 11 Malicious witnesses rise up;  
they ask me of things that I do not know.
- 12 They repay me evil for good;  
my soul is bereft.
- 13 But I, when they were sick—  
I wore sackcloth;  
I afflicted myself with fasting;

I prayed with head bowed on my chest.

14 I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother;  
as one who laments his mother,

I bowed down in mourning.

15 But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered;  
they gathered together against me;

wretches whom I did not know  
tore at me without ceasing;

16 like profane mockers at a feast,  
they gnash at me with their teeth.

17 How long, O LORD, will you look on?

Rescue me from their destruction,  
my precious life from the lions!

18 I will thank you in the great congregation;  
in the mighty throng I will praise you.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 57**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

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#### **Weekly Collect**

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to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this  
bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY, MARCH 18

## Call to Worship

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 35:19-28

19 Let not those rejoice over me  
who are wrongfully my foes,  
and let not those wink the eye  
who hate me without cause.  
20 For they do not speak peace,  
but against those who are quiet in the land  
they devise words of deceit.  
21 They open wide their mouths against me;  
they say, "Aha, Aha!  
Our eyes have seen it!"  
22 You have seen, O LORD; be not silent!  
O LORD, be not far from me!  
23 Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication,  
for my cause, my God and my LORD!  
24 Vindicate me, O LORD, my God,  
according to your righteousness,  
and let them not rejoice over me!  
25 Let them not say in their hearts,  
"Aha, our heart's desire!"  
Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."  
26 Let them be put to shame and disappointed altogether  
who rejoice at my calamity!  
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor  
who magnify themselves against me!  
27 Let those who delight in my righteousness  
shout for joy and be glad  
and say evermore,  
"Great is the LORD,  
who delights in the welfare of his servant!"  
28 Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness  
and of your praise all the day long.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who sin and need a Savior to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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### **Weekly Collect**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY, MARCH 19

## Call to Worship

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 36

- 1 Transgression speaks to the wicked  
deep in his heart;  
there is no fear of God  
before his eyes.
- 2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes  
that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
- 3 The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit;  
he has ceased to act wisely and do good.
- 4 He plots trouble while on his bed;  
he sets himself in a way that is not good;  
he does not reject evil.
- 5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast you save, O LORD.
- 7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.
- 10 Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your righteousness to the upright of heart!
- 11 Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,  
nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- 12 There the evildoers lie fallen;  
they are thrust down, unable to rise.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 59

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who are strangers and want fellowship to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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### **Weekly Collect**

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# SATURDAY, MARCH 20

## Call to Worship

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:10a, 11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 37:1-20

- 1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!
- 2 For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- 4 Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.
- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil devices!
- 8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!  
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
- 9 For the evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.
- 10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;  
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the land  
and delight themselves in abundant peace.
- 12 The wicked plots against the righteous  
and gnashes his teeth at him,
- 13 but the LORD laughs at the wicked,  
for he sees that his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows  
to bring down the poor and needy,  
to slay those whose way is upright;
- 15 their sword shall enter their own heart,  
and their bows shall be broken.
- 16 Better is the little that the righteous has  
than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,  
but the LORD upholds the righteous.
- 18 The LORD knows the days of the blameless,



and their heritage will remain forever;  
19 they are not put to shame in evil times;  
in the days of famine they have abundance.  
20 But the wicked will perish;  
the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures;  
they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

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#### **Weekly Collect**

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# SUNDAY, MARCH 21

## Psalm 37:21-40

- 21 The wicked borrows but does not pay back,  
but the righteous is generous and gives;
- 22 for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land,  
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.
- 23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD,  
when he delights in his way;
- 24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,  
for the LORD upholds his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now am old,  
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken  
or his children begging for bread.
- 26 He is ever lending generously,  
and his children become a blessing.
- 27 Turn away from evil and do good;  
so shall you dwell forever.
- 28 For the LORD loves justice;  
he will not forsake his saints.  
They are preserved forever,  
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 29 The righteous shall inherit the land  
and dwell upon it forever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,  
and his tongue speaks justice.
- 31 The law of his God is in his heart;  
his steps do not slip.
- 32 The wicked watches for the righteous  
and seeks to put him to death.
- 33 The LORD will not abandon him to his power  
or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.
- 34 Wait for the LORD and keep his way,  
and he will exalt you to inherit the land;  
you will look on when the wicked are cut off.
- 35 I have seen a wicked, ruthless man,  
spreading himself like a green laurel tree.
- 36 But he passed away, and behold, he was no more;  
though I sought him, he could not be found.
- 37 Mark the blameless and behold the upright,  
for there is a future for the man of peace.
- 38 But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;  
the future of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 39 The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
- 40 The LORD helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, MARCH 22

## Call to Worship

As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. (Isaiah 52:14-15)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 38

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,  
nor discipline me in your wrath!
- 2 For your arrows have sunk into me,  
and your hand has come down on me.
- 3 There is no soundness in my flesh  
because of your indignation;  
there is no health in my bones  
because of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities have gone over my head;  
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
- 5 My wounds stink and fester  
because of my foolishness,
- 6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;  
all the day I go about mourning.
- 7 For my sides are filled with burning,  
and there is no soundness in my flesh.
- 8 I am feeble and crushed;  
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.
- 9 O LORD, all my longing is before you;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart throbs; my strength fails me,  
and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.
- 11 My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague,  
and my nearest kin stand far off.
- 12 Those who seek my life lay their snares;  
those who seek my hurt speak of ruin  
and meditate treachery all day long.
- 13 But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear,  
like a mute man who does not open his mouth.
- 14 I have become like a man who does not hear,  
and in whose mouth are no rebukes.
- 15 But for you, O LORD, do I wait;  
it is you, O LORD my God, who will answer.
- 16 For I said, "Only let them not rejoice over me,

who boast against me when my foot slips!"  
17 For I am ready to fall,  
and my pain is ever before me.  
18 I confess my iniquity;  
I am sorry for my sin.  
19 But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty,  
and many are those who hate me wrongfully.  
20 Those who render me evil for good  
accuse me because I follow after good.  
21 Do not forsake me, O LORD!  
O my God, be not far from me!  
22 Make haste to help me,  
O LORD, my salvation!

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who are spiritually weary and seek rest to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is spiritually weary and seeks rest.*

#### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# TUESDAY, MARCH 23

## Call to Worship

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:1-2)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 39

1 I said, "I will guard my ways,  
that I may not sin with my tongue;  
I will guard my mouth with a muzzle,  
so long as the wicked are in my presence."  
2 I was mute and silent;  
I held my peace to no avail,  
and my distress grew worse.  
3 My heart became hot within me.  
As I mused, the fire burned;  
then I spoke with my tongue:  
4 "O LORD, make me know my end  
and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting I am!  
5 Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.  
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Selah  
6 Surely a man goes about as a shadow!  
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;  
man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!  
7 "And now, O LORD, for what do I wait?  
My hope is in you.  
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions.  
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!  
9 I am mute; I do not open my mouth,  
for it is you who have done it.  
10 Remove your stroke from me;  
I am spent by the hostility of your hand.  
11 When you discipline a man  
with rebukes for sin,  
you consume like a moth what is dear to him;  
surely all mankind is a mere breath! Selah  
12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD,  
and give ear to my cry;

hold not your peace at my tears!  
For I am a sojourner with you,  
a guest, like all my fathers.  
13 Look away from me, that I may smile again,  
before I depart and am no more!"

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 62**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who mourn and long for comfort to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who mourns and longs for comfort.*

#### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

## Call to Worship

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:3)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 40:1-10

- 1 I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Blessed is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!
- 5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!  
I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.
- 6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.
- 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- 8 I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."
- 9 I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.
- 10 I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.



## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### Prayer of Confession

### Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who struggle and desire victory to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is struggling and desires victory.*

### Weekly Collect

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY, MARCH 25

## Call to Worship

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 40:11-17

11 As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me;  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever preserve me!  
12 For evils have encompassed me  
beyond number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me,  
and I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head;  
my heart fails me.  
13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me!  
O LORD, make haste to help me!  
14 Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether  
who seek to snatch away my life;  
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who delight in my hurt!  
15 Let those be appalled because of their shame  
who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"  
16 But may all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who love your salvation  
say continually, "Great is the LORD!"  
17 As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the LORD takes thought for me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God!

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64

### Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who sin and need a Savior to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is in sin and needs a Savior.*

### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY, MARCH 26

## Call to Worship

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 41

- 1 Blessed is the one who considers the poor!  
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- 2 the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;  
he is called blessed in the land;  
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- 3 The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;  
in his illness you restore him to full health.
- 4 As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
- 5 My enemies say of me in malice,  
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
- 6 And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,  
while his heart gathers iniquity;  
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together about me;  
they imagine the worst for me.
- 8 They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;  
he will not rise again from where he lies."
- 9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- 10 But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,  
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- 11 By this I know that you delight in me:  
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- 12 But you have upheld me because of my integrity,  
and set me in your presence forever.
- 13 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!  
Amen and Amen.

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 65

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who are strangers and want fellowship to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who feels like a stranger and wants fellowship.*

### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# SATURDAY, MARCH 27

## Call to Worship

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:10a, 11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 42

1 As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.  
2 My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?  
3 My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
"Where is your God?"  
4 These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would go with the throng  
and lead them in procession to the house of God  
with glad shouts and songs of praise,  
a multitude keeping festival.  
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.  
7 Deep calls to deep  
at the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your breakers and your waves  
have gone over me.  
8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.  
9 I say to God, my rock:  
"Why have you forgotten me?  
Why do I go mourning  
because of the oppression of the enemy?"  
10 As with a deadly wound in my bones,  
my adversaries taunt me,

while they say to me all the day long,  
"Where is your God?"  
11 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

### **Scriptur Reading: Isaiah 66**

#### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who hungers and thirsts after righteousness and for those you hope will come with you into this church's doors.*

#### **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# SUNDAY, MARCH 28

## Psalm 118:25-26

25 Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

## John 12:13

13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

## Luke 19:41-44

41 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side 44 and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."



*Sermon Notes*

# MONDAY, MARCH 29

## Call to Worship

As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. (Isaiah 52:14-15)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 8:1-2

1 O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.

### Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:15-22

15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, 16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies  
you have prepared praise?"

17 And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

18 In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. 19 And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

20 When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" 21 And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen.

## Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## **Prayer of Confession**

## **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who are spiritually weary and seek rest to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is spiritually weary and seeks rest.*

## **Weekly Collect**

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# TUESDAY, MARCH 30

## Call to Worship

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:1-2)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 110

- 1 The LORD says to my Lord:  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool."
- 2 The LORD sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.  
Rule in the midst of your enemies!
- 3 Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,  
in holy garments;  
from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.
- 4 The LORD has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
"You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek."
- 5 The LORD is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will execute judgment among the nations,  
filling them with corpses;  
he will shatter chiefs  
over the wide earth.
- 7 He will drink from the brook by the way;  
therefore he will lift up his head.

### Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:41-46

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

44 "'The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" 46 And no one was

able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

### **Time of Reflection**

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Supplication**

I pray for all who mourn and long for comfort to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who mourns and longs for comfort.*

#### **Weekly Collect**

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

## Call to Worship

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:3)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 41:9

9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

### Scripture Reading: John 13:12-18

12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. 18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'

## Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## Prayer of Confession

## Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who struggle and desire victory to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is struggling and desires victory.*

## Weekly Collect

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



# THURSDAY, APRIL 1

## Call to Worship

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 116:8-9, 13-15

8 For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;  
9 I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.  
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,  
14 I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.  
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.

### Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:26-30

26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."  
27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."  
30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## Prayer of Confession

## Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who sin and need a Savior to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who is in sin and needs a Savior.*



## Weekly Collect

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FRIDAY, APRIL 2

### Call to Worship

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

### Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

#### Psalm 22:1-2, 6-8, 14-18, 27-28, 31

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?  
2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.  
6 But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.  
7 All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;  
8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"  
14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
16 For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—  
17 I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
18 they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.  
28 For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.  
31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet  
unborn,  
that he has done it.

## Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-50

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

## Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## Prayer of Confession

## Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who are strangers and want fellowship to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who feels like a stranger and wants fellowship.*

## Weekly Collect

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# SATURDAY, APRIL 3

## Call to Worship

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:10a, 11)

## Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Psalm 42

1 As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.  
2 My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?  
3 My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
"Where is your God?"  
4 These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would go with the throng  
and lead them in procession to the house of God  
with glad shouts and songs of praise,  
a multitude keeping festival.  
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.  
7 Deep calls to deep  
at the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your breakers and your waves  
have gone over me.  
8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.  
9 I say to God, my rock:  
"Why have you forgotten me?  
Why do I go mourning  
because of the oppression of the enemy?"  
10 As with a deadly wound in my bones,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
"Where is your God?"  
11 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

## Scripture Reading: Luke 23:50-56, Psalm 43

50 Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, 51 who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. 54 It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.[a] 55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56 Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

1 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause  
against an ungodly people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man  
deliver me!

2 For you are the God in whom I take refuge;  
why have you rejected me?

Why do I go about mourning  
because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 Send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;

let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!

4 Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

## Time of Reflection

What does God say in this passage that stands out to you?

What does it teach you about God and yourself?

How will you respond in faith and obedience today?

## Prayer of Confession

## Prayer of Supplication

I pray for all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, to find this church's doors open wide and to receive welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pray by name for anyone you know who hungers and thirsts after righteousness and for those you hope will come with you into this church's doors.*

## Weekly Collect

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# APPENDIX

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our LORD,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy catholic church;  
The communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body;  
And the life everlasting.  
*Amen.*

## 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.*

## A WAY OF PERSONAL EXAMINATION

Consider God's holiness and grace, manifest in the life of the Son, Jesus Christ.

Pray for God's presence and illumination. Ask God's Spirit to be with you and for your eyes to be open as you consider your day.

Examine yourself prayerfully:

Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)

Note the times throughout the day you have seen God at work in your circumstances and in your heart. Name those ways in which you have resisted God and His will.

Pray in deep gratitude for every sign of God's loving presence, and pray in sorrow, repenting of any place you have resisted His loving will.

Receive the Words of Assurance for the day, leaning on the promises and mercy of God.

Conclude in prayer, offering yourself body and soul, in your thoughts, words, and actions, as a living sacrifice to God, which is your spiritual worship.

# NOTES







Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1