



March 1, 2026, 10:00 AM
Second Sunday in Lent

Please fill out the blue Pew Attendance Pad and drop the paper in the collection plate during the offering. Prayer Request Cards will be collected during the opening hymn. The † indicates when worshippers are invited to stand if comfortable or find a posture that supports your singing/praying aloud.

Gathering Music

Were You There?
(Traditional spiritual, arr. Althouse)
Becky Fry, flute & Jon Krueger, piano

Welcome

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in our church. We will strive to love you, as God does, just the way you are.

Caring for One Another

Prelude *These Forty Days*
(Dengler)
The Chancel Choir & Jon Krueger, piano

Call To Worship

Adapted from Psalm 121:1-3,

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills--
from where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the MOST HIGH GOD,
who made heaven and earth.**

One: God will not let your foot be moved,

All: The One who keeps you will not slumber.

One: OUR GOD will keep your going out and your coming in

All: From this time on and forevermore.

† Hymn #320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* (v.1,2,4,5)

Call To Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Inspired by WotJS¹ and Is. 58:2

All: Holy God, we confess that we have been overwhelmed by the enormity of the world's grief. We as individuals have tried to do justly, but we as a country have not. We as individuals have loved mercy, but we as a country have not. Forgive us, we pray, and transform our nation into one that practices righteousness, in Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16

One: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are reconciled to God, and we are reconciled to one another. Amen.

† Congregation Response

#695 *Change My Heart, O God*

† Exchange of Peace

As children come forward (Insert) *Jesus Bids Us Shine* (v.1)

Children's Message

Jen Blackwell

Sung Prayer of Illumination

#456 *Listen, God is Calling* (Refrain 2x)

Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-4

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Isaiah 58:6-12

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God

Homily **The Fast God Wants** **Rev. David Schell**
Part 2: Share Your Bread

† Hymn #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Communion²

Invitation and Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread

#498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* (v.1,2)

Distribution of the Cup

#498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* (v.3,4)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory *You Shall Love the Lord Your God*
(Davison & Lupinski)
The Chancel Choir & Jon Krueger, piano

† Sung Prayer of Dedication

#546 *Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* (v.2)

Prayers of the People

One: Loving God, please listen to the prayers of your people...

One: Let us pray to our God.

All: God, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

† Hymn

#757 *Today We Are Called to Be Disciples of God* (v.1,3,4)

¹ WotJS: *Wisdom of the Jewish Sages: A Modern Reading of Pirke Avot*, by Rabbi Rami Shapiro

¹ All are welcome at the table. It is our tradition to hold the bread or cup until all have been served. All the cups contain non-

alcoholic grape juice, and gluten-free bread is available in tiny plastic containers on the tray with the bread.

Blessing & Benediction

Postlude *When Peace Like a River*
(Phillip Bliss, arr. Althouse)
Becky Fry, flute & Jon Krueger, piano

Today's Worship Leadership

Worship Leader: Rev. David Schell
Lector: Doug Meyers
Children's Message: Jen Blackwell
Music Director: Wendy Treacher
Guest Musicians: Becky Fry, flute & Jon Krueger, piano
Sound Tech: Chad Melton
MediaShout: Randy Herrick
Stream Tech: Katie Meyers
Prayer Recorder: Jean Herrick
Teller Team #3: Ken Rudolph & Jan Kaywood
Fellowship Hosts: Kristen Schell

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Easter Lily Orders

If you would like to order a lily to beautify the Sanctuary & be delivered to shut-ins, the cost is \$13 per plant. Order forms can be obtained from the office or Narthex. Cash or check are due with order form by **March 22**.

Names of donors and those remembered/honored will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.



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Membership Directory project

Please submit a recent photo of your family or yourself or contact Katie in the office at 517-784-9175 or office@jacksonfirstpres.org to schedule a time to have your picture taken. If you need help navigating this process, please contact Katie! Please know that we are not expecting to receive a professional studio photo from you for this directory! Here are some of the lovely photos we've received so far!



Church Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 1, 2026

10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00am Fellowship Time (Westminster Room)
7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)
8:15pm – 9:45pm 12 Steps in 16 Days (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 2, 2026

10:30am Al-Anon Meeting (Library)
5:30pm Confirmation Class (Small Dining Room)
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 4312 (Activity Room)
7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)
8:15pm – 9:45pm 12 Steps in 16 Days (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

1:00pm – 4:00pm Interfaith Meal Prep (Kitchen)
4:30pm – 6pm Youth Theater (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm – 8:30pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Activity Room)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)
8:15pm – 9:45pm 12 Steps in 16 Days (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

4:30pm – 6pm Youth Theater (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm – 8:30pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Activity Room)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)
8:15pm – 9:45pm 12 Steps in 16 Days (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, March 5, 2026

9:30am Coffee & Conversation (at Vista Grande Villa)
6:30pm - 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Library)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)
8:15pm – 9:45pm 12 Steps in 16 Days (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 6, 2026

10:30am - 12pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)
7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)
8:15pm – 9:45pm 12 Steps in 16 Days (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 7, 2026

8:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Sm. Dining Room)
11am – 3pm Youth Theater Makeup Seminar (Activity Rm)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)
8:15pm – 9:45pm 12 Steps in 16 Days (Fellowship Hall)