

**St. John's Reformed Church**

**March 4, 2026, 7 p.m.**

**Midweek Lenten Service**

*(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections.)*

Gathering Music

Announcements and Hospitality

**Our Approach to God**

Prelude

Votum (from Hebrews 12, 2-3 NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary or lose heart.

\*Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12: John 4:24 )

Leader: Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

**People: Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fate.**

Leader: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

**People: God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

\*Hymn *God, My Help and Hiding Place* #319 v.1-3

Prayer of Invocation, Salutation

Prayer of Confession

God of comfort and mercy, you sent your prophets to proclaim, "Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God." We confess we have not done as you asked; instead, we have sinned in thoughts, words, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

*(silent confessions)*

In your mercy,

**Forgive us, Lord; help us to proclaim your message. Equip us to walk more faithfully in the footsteps of Christ, who lives, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

***Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.***

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law **Philippians 2:1-4**, NRSV

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

Response: **May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

**The Word of God in Proclamation**

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalms: **Psalm 121** (p. 571 in the pew bible)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson: **Hebrews 5:5-10** (p. 220 in the pew bible)

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\*Hymn *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* #369 v.1-3

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

### Our Response to God's Grace

\*Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 43

**By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.**

\*The Peace

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

The Prayers of the people

The Lord's Prayer (use 'trespasses')

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen* **Amen, Amen, Amen**

\*Hymn *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land* #138 v.1-2

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen "Go Now in Peace"

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with us each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.  
Know he will guide us in all we do.  
Go now in love, and show we believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and, in love.***

\*Postlude

\* *Indicates congregation to stand if able.*

Please join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall after the service.

RH Council of Churches Mid-Week Lenten Services:

March 11, Christ Church Episcopal, Chaplain Jody Spiak preacher

March 18, RH United Methodist, Rev. Caroline Berninger preacher

March 25, St. Paul's & Trinity Parish, Rev. Canon K. Jeanne Person preacher



