

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON
REMBRANDT, 1668

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
First Sunday in Lent
February 22nd, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

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

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

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

HYMN 13

Verse 1

**Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love.**

Verse 2

**Here I raise mine ¹Ebenezer
hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.**

Verse 3

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above.**

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

HYMN 291

Verse 1

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and pow'r.**

Refrain

**I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.**

Verse 2

**Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. (Refrain)**

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: Most merciful God

whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

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

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

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

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

-WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS -

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

§ RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

DOXOLOGY

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

§ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD -

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 on 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.

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

LUKE 14:15-24

LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

SERMON

2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

REV. DR. MARK GRAPENGATER

- WE JOIN TO FEAST -

HYMN OF PREPARATION

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

HYMN 157

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ONE THE LORD BE WITH YOU
ALL AND ALSO WITH YOU.
ONE LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!
ALL WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD!
ONE LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD
ALL IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ONE TOGETHER LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERIES OF THE FAITH.
ALL CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

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

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS & LORD'S SUPPER

§ CLOSING HYMN

CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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1. Christ, the sure and steady an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm,
 2. Christ, the sure and steady an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on,
 3. Christ, the sure and steady an - chor through the floods of un - be - lief;
 4. Christ, the sure and steady an - chor as we face the wave of death,

When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won,
 Hope - less, some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.
 When these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath.

In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few,
 Deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance; see His love for - ev - er proved.
 We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure,
 4b. Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true!

I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.
 and the calm will be the bet - ter for the storms that we en - dure. (to 4b)
 We will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.

§ BENEDICTION

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

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

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST: All men are invited to the Men's Lenten Breakfast. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 am. Here are the dates and locations: This Saturday, February 28th at Boggstown, March 7th at Franklin, and March 14th at Greenwood.

HOPEWELL SCHOLARSHIP: The Hopewell Scholarship forms are now available in the side sanctuary. Whether you are about to start college or going back for another year, grab an application and fill it out. There is a large labeled envelope on the desk in the office where completed forms can be placed. Completed forms must be returned by April 14th.

MEN'S WINTER / SPRING BIBLE STUDY: *The Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Life in a Fallen World* by Sinclair B. Ferguson. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (childcare will be provided) or Thursday at noon at David Yount's office (9 East Court Street, Franklin (entrance is off of Jefferson St.)

WOMEN'S WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY: *Sermon on the Mount*, by Jen Wilkin. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (childcare will be provided) or Friday @ 9:00 AM at Hopewell.

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY AND PRAYER TIME: *A Good Confession* study continues on Thursday, at 9:30 am, in the pastor's study. -

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SING UPS: The children's ministry is in need of volunteers to serve in March. If a room does not get a volunteer then the children from that room will be in service for the day. The following dates are still needed for the following rooms: **Nursery: March 8th, Preschool: March 1st & 22nd, Elementary: March 22nd**

HOPEWELL WOMEN'S HANGOUT: The ladies of Hopewell are invited to Kathleen Spencer's house (3748 The Courts, Greenwood 46143) on Saturday, March 7th at 5:00pm. Come over for an evening for us ladies to get together and "hangout". Bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Water, tea, and coffee will be provided. Sign up in the side sanctuary so she can have an idea on count. Hope to see you there!

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

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Sandy McMillion - 1st, Riley Howland - 3rd, Steve Leser - 6th, Abigail Henderson - 7th, Jack Tearman - 8th, Tom Johnson - 9th, Liam Schmitt - 10th, Jessica Brown - 11th, Janet Smith - 12th, Margot Henderson - 14th, Ross Shilts - 15th, Kelly Henderson and Tana Brown - 18th, Maggie Doty - 19th, Brenda Mullins - 20th, Howard Krapf - 24th, Greg Manship - 25th, Richard Wertz - 28th, and Bev Doty - 29th

ATTENDANCE: February 15th - 105, February Average - 115, YTD Avg.- 109

“The Christian mission is nothing more or less than our participation in the hospitality of God.”

— Amos Yong

Rev. Dr. Mark Grapengater is husband to Stacey and father to Michael, Evelyn, and Joshua. His ministry in Denver, CO is The Table Project which provides a place at the table of God's grace. Locally, he pastors the pastorless, extends hospitality, and serves his neighborhood. The Table Project also seeks to restore hospitality as a defining posture and practice of the Church, through workshops, coaching, and partnerships. Mark was raised in Oklahoma. He earned his B.A. at Kansas State University, his M.Div. at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL and his D.Min. at The Eugene Peterson Center for Christian Imagination at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. Mark has served pastorally at churches in Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta, and Denver. He has a deep love of all things that nourish our souls — long meals at the table, good wine, sourdough, fly fishing, and great parties. Connect with Mark through his website, Instagram, or Substack: thetabledenver.org; @grapengater or @thetabledenver, and thetableproject.substack.com.

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