



*First*  
*Presbyterian Church*  
Port Charlotte, FL



*Sunday, March 15, 2026*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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# *God Calls Us to Worship*



## **CHIMES, APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRELUDE**

*A Wind Blew Over Calvary*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHORAL INTROIT**

*His Name is Wonderful*

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE †**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP †**

One: The God of glory rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.

All: We praise God's holy name!

One: The Spirit of God empowers us to do justice and calls us together in equity.

All: We come to honor God's purposes with love and loyalty.

One: The Christ of glory shines in this place.

All: We praise God's holy name!

## **OPENING HYMN †**

*#147 How Great Thou Art*

## *We Renew Our Relationship With God*



## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what You are doing in the world. We want You to act in ways we predict, but we forget:





You do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize Your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of Your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to Your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world Your love and grace.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*We Respond to God*

**MINOR DOXOLOGY†**

*#813 Glory Be To The Father*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION**

**ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

**CHILDREN’S BLESSING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Holy Ground*

**DOXOLOGY†**

*#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**PRAYER & HYMN OF DEDICATION†**

*For The Life That You Have Given.*

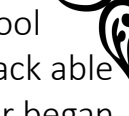
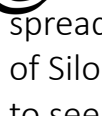
*God Speaks to Us*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

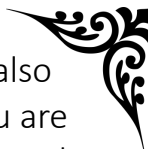
**John 9:1-41 (NRSVue)**

1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and





spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, 21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already,



and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” 28 Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” 30 The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” 34 They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” 38 He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” 40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

**PRAYER & HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (1<sup>st</sup> Stanza)*

**THE PREACHED WORD**

“????????????????????”

**HYMN OF RESPONSE †**

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (2<sup>nd</sup> Stanza)*

*God Sends Us Into the World*

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION †**

**SENDING HYMN †**

*#764 The Trees Of The Field*



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



***Prayer Group***  
Every Wednesday  
12 noon



***Praise & Prayer Midweek Service***  
Every Thursday  
7 PM



***Jack Dauner Concert***  
March 22, 2026  
3 PM



***PEP Luncheon***  
March 26, 2026  
12:30 PM

# PRAYER LIST

Bernadine Allesee & Family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health &amp; strength</i>
Hazel & Jerry Brown	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolyn & Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Marjorie Hill	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolanne Hoehle	-	<i>health needs</i>
Senior Lee Family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Richard Lund	-	<i>health needs</i>
Courtenay Mason	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
George Mothershed	-	<i>health needs</i>
Paul Heins & Ann Boubant	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Julie Nunez	-	<i>health needs</i>
Valciana Officer	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ray Omar	-	<i>health needs</i>
Holly Parkin	-	<i>health needs</i>
Deb Phelp's family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health &amp; comfort</i>
Amy Rupert	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Sue Thompson	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Bernardo Vieira	-	<i>health needs</i>
Debbie Webb	-	<i>health needs</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength needs</i>

## FPCPC FAMILY -

If you know of any shut-ins or anyone who may need our prayers,  
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Donna Young	Claudette McLennon	—

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