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Pastor Bill Davis, presiding

WELCOME

LENTEN CANDLE SERVICE Readers Pam Blish, Janet Saxon

Second Week of Lent

Four purple and one pink candle will be lit prior to service

Reader 1:

In this season of Lent, we reflect on our journey of faith with Christ, remembering that Christ has offered us new life here on earth, that God so loved the world that he sent his Son, so that the world might be saved through him. While we await the heavenly kingdom, we prepare for God's reign on earth

Reader 2:

We extinguish this purple candle on this second Sunday of Lent, remembering God's assurance of new life through the signs of spring in the earth.

Together we pray:

As the days lengthen and bulbs are preparing deep in the earth, dear God, may we be ready for what you are preparing to grow in us. Nourish us so that we might bear spiritual fruit. In the name of Christ, with whom we journey towards the cross, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121:5-8)

One: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

ALL: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

One: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

ALL: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please stand if you are able

HYMN “O Come All Ye Faithful” #41

**1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!**

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!**

**2 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]**

**3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest! [Refrain]**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come, dear LORD, to worship Jesus, our newborn King. We adore our Savior. We desire to be born again into a life of service to YOU. But, we have to admit that we have not reached the goal of perfect obedience to YOU. We confess our sin. Forgive our sin. Help us to be born again into a life of gratitude and obedience. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Ye Must Be Born Again”*

SCRIPTURE John 3:14-17

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ ‘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.

¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON **“New Birth = New Life”**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

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; On 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.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE “Hear Our Prayer, O LORD”

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Incline Thine ear to us

And grant us Thy peace

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” #513

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...
...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is Risen.
Christ will come again.**

The power of the Holy Spirit fills our Holy Communion with God's presence and joins us with saints throughout the ages who have trusted the Holy Spirit for sharing the truth about Jesus Christ....

**We gratefully thank the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for calling us, strengthening us,
and granting us salvation. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY #592

**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.**

HYMN "How Firm A Foundation" #361

**1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;**

**I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FELLOWSHIP

*Powerful
Prayers for Healing
and Strength*



Pastor Bill Marilyn Roach
Wanda McCormick Sharon Nash
Lori Pollack

Sue Dykstra
Lee Fearnside
Roger Sheldon
Debi Singer
Cathy Truchan

Sunday Mornings
9 am – 9:45 am



Communion Servers

Gary Baxter, Lee Ann Lambson,
Sue Dykstra, Caroline Janosky

Thursdays
10:30 am

Offering Counters

Pat Moses. Barb Wismer



3/1 – Team 1 3/8 – Team 2

Caroline Janosky Kathy Pennanen

Pat Moses Jackie Bolman

Gary Baxter Janet Saxon

Sue Dykstra Sandy Hunwick

**Deacons collect non-perishable
items TODAY and every first
Sunday of the month.**



Monthly
Meeting



3/4 Deacons 4pm
3/5 E&O 11am
3/10 Stewardship & Mgt 10am
3/12 Worship 12:30pm
Session 1:30pm

3/7 Craft Day 1-3 pm

Concert 6pm Folk, Blues, Gospel and Classic
Rock and Country sounds of THE PINE GROVE
COLLECTIVE

3/14 Irish Tea 3pm

3/18 Potluck 6pm

The Chosen-Watch all 5 seasons; enjoy fellowship,
conversation and refreshments. **Bridges Church** 3/4,
3/11, 3/18, 3/25 **Lake Huron Woods 2** (3000 Leona Ave)
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26. **Questions/RSVP** Pastor Roxie
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