

Being Christian: the Practice of our Faith

Belong:
Church,
fellowship

Beseech: prayer & the
Divine relationship

Baptize:
Initiation

Bring Others:
evangelism,
sharing the Faith

Behave: morals,
ethics, justice

Bless God:
worship

Bless All:
serve, give, share

Believe:
worldview

Bible:
sacred texts

Great Beyond:
eternal life



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Administrative Assistant: Angela Marks

Welcome to our worship and fellowship.

If you are visiting, please sign our guest book, and we will pray for you.

** Stand, as you are able.*

Worship: Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026, 10:30 am

PRELUDE
*WELCOME
*INTROIT

Kevin Dupuis
Jeff White

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.**

Hallelu, hallelujah.

(Karen Lafferty © 1972 Maranatha! Music.)

*CALL to Worship

leader & people

The Spirit tells our spirits that we Belong. **We Bless God in worship.**
We Baptize into Christ and the Church. **We Believe in Jesus who saves.**
We read from the Bible again. **We Beseech our merciful God.**
Our Behavior is trained in holy ways. **We are inspired to Bless All on the planet.**
Others brought us here; we Bring Others. **Help us see the eternal, Beyond us.**

*HYMN 164 "Praise to the Lord! the Almighty" (Joachim Neander 1680, Catherine Winkworth 1878)

1. **Praise to the Lord!**
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy heath and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

2. **Praise to the Lord!**
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
yea so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. **Praise to the Lord!**
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee!

4. **Praise to the Lord!**
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

PRAYER for International Women's Day (Based on an old Scottish prayer, by Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh)

You who remembered Hannah **Hear us**
You who saved Hagar **Behold us**
You who gave courage to Esther **Help us**
You who gave laughter to Sarah **Care for us**
You who did not judge Rachel **Forgive us**
You who cast your shadow on Mary **Protect us. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE Reading (A meditation inspired by Psalm 95 – Regina Coupar, 2004)

come	let us kneel
let us sing	with humble
a song of joy	hearts
let us join	lets us pray
the chorus	with raised
of angels	hands
giving praise	let us rejoice
and thanks	in the gift of
for the beauty	salvation
of this	come
moment	let us sing
	a song of joy

HYMN

“Morning Has Broken” vs. 1 & 2 (Eleanor Farjeon 1931)

1. **Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

2. **Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.**

STORY TIME

(Children’s activity sheets are available in the Foyer. There are also Classrooms upstairs.)

HYMN

“Morning Has Broken” vs. 3

**Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!**

FIRST Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

Barbara Martin

CHOIR

“Go Out in Joy”

GOSPEL

John 4:3-42

Audrey Lewis-Patriquin, Jeff White,
Cynthia McCarthy, Kevin Dupuis

SERMON

“BLESS GOD: Worship Together”

Jeff White

SILENT Meditation

CELEBRATION of Ministry

OFFERING

*RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; (Fairhill)
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore.**

PRAYERS for all

*HYMN 574

“Blessed Assurance”

(Fanny J. Crosby 1915; Phoebe P. Knapp 1908)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchased of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood; | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. |
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*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL Blessing 584 **Lead me, Lord, Lead me in Thy righteousness.**

**Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only,
That makest me dwell in safety.**

(Samuel S. Wesley 1810-1876)

POSTLUDE [You may remain seated to hear the postlude music.] Kevin Dupuis
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Our Minister of Christian Education, Rev. Marlene Quinn, has finished her term with us early. It has been agreed that she will be on leave until the end of her term, June 30th.

This Sunday's bulletin has been sponsored in loving memory of Fred Haines who passed away March 7th, 2005, from wife Judy, children, Jennifer & Peter, grandchildren, Olivia, Liam & Madeline.

Congregational Luncheon: You are invited to join us for a delicious time of food and fellowship! **Sunday, March 15** – following the morning service. **Menu:** Chicken breast, baked potatoes, vegetables, and make-your-own sundae for dessert! **Donations will be gratefully accepted, with all proceeds supporting the important work of our Benevolent Committee.**

The **Board of CE** invites you to a **Family Movie Night on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:00 pm** in the **Vestry**. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun evening together! **Please sign up on the sheet posted on the office door.**

Church Directory: Everyone who had their photo taken for the Church Directory will receive a **FREE copy**. If **anyone else** would like to **purchase a copy**, they are available for **\$20.00 each**. Please contact Angela (**ASAP**) in the Church Office if you are interested in ordering one.

INTERACTIVE BULLETINS

*Available in the vestry through
Lent, Holy Week and Easter*

These bulletins are designed **for worshippers of all ages**. Each bulletin is filled with activities that change weekly and that tie into the weekly scripture passages and themes. The bulletins also offer spaces to write words of hope and other insights, making worship a more personal and communal experience. **Help yourself to a new bulletin each Sunday! You may want to take one for a friend or child that you know!**

Schedule Sun., March 8 – Mon., March 16

Sun., 8	10:30 am	Worship Service
Mon., 9	11:00 am	Prayer Time
	1:00 pm	Line Dancing
Tue., 10	6:30 pm	Bd of Management
Wed., 11	11:00 am	Tantramar College
Thur., 12	10:00 am	Walk the Red Carpet
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 15	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Luncheon
Mon., 16	10:00 am	Practice for White Birches
	11:00 am	Prayer Time
	1:00 pm	Line Dancing

Offerings for Sunday, March 1

Envelopes	\$2,045.00
Plate	\$ 145.00
Restoration	\$ 5.00
Bulletin	\$ 25.00
Benevolent	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$2,260.00

