



# BREAD OF LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 8, 2026 | Morning Worship 10:00 am



## If You Are Worshipping...

**Online** – All the worship songs and words will be on your screen so that you can fully participate.

**In The Sanctuary** – If you are comfortably able, we invite you to stand during portions of worship marked with an asterisk (\*). The congregation reads items listed in bold text. **Please note:** Our service is always live-streamed with multiple cameras in the sanctuary. You will likely be on camera at some point during your worship experience.

**With Children** – We are delighted with the presence of (and the sounds of) children in worship. Children are welcome to use any of the resources in our PrayGround (located behind the back pews). The back pews are for adults accompanying children using the PrayGround, and the rocking chairs are reserved especially for nursing mothers or adults whose children need a cuddle and some rocking. **Also, childcare is available in our nursery down the hall for children up to age 5.**

**Prayer Requests** – Each week, we encourage folks to share their joys and concerns with one another using the Prayer Cards in the pews. Please complete a Prayer Card and place it in the offering plate during worship. This will ensure your prayers are lifted up to God in worship and/or in private.

### Special accommodations –

**Assisted listening devices** and **Large Print Bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Anyone with mobility issues** is welcome to use the padded green chairs located strategically throughout the sanctuary. There are spaces within the pews for wheelchairs. Ushers are happy to assist you with these or other accommodations.

**Wheelchairs are available** to use for church or to get down to Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher or greeter. They can assist you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Will you give me a drink? When have you been in the wilderness? How do you take care of your neighbor?

### PRELUDE

*Fill My Cup, Lord*

arr. F. Bock

### SONG OF PREPARATION

*Seeking Heart*

by Kristen Eby

**Bring your questions, come as you are.**

**The journey is waiting, and peace is not far.**

**God always welcomes the seeking heart.**

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## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together—

**the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,  
in hopes of seeing God.**

We gather together—

**the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,  
in hopes of finding peace.**

We gather together—

**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,  
in hopes of finding justice.**

So come to the well,

come to the table.

Come, let us worship God.

## **\*SONG OF PRAISE**

*Living Waters*

by Getty and Cash

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful and seeking God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ,  
the way, the truth, and the life,**

**calling us to follow even when the path is unclear.**

**Yet we confess that when faced with questions we cannot answer,**

**we choose comfort instead of the costly way of love,**

**certainty instead of trusting your promises,**

**and familiarity over the transforming work of your Spirit.**

**We turn away from truths that unsettle us,**

**from calls that confront us,**

**from neighbors in whom Christ meets us.**

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

**By your Spirit, turn us again toward you,**

**restore our curiosity to seek with humility, courage, and love.**

**With earnest hearts we offer our journeys to you.**



## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

*I'm Forever Grateful*

I'm forever grateful to you,  
I'm forever grateful for the cross.  
I'm forever grateful to you,  
That you came to seek and save the lost.

**\*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also, with you.**

**TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 4:5-42

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Seeking: "Will you give me a drink?"

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*We All Come Thirsty*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Wellspring of mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

**THE LORDS 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. 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Seek Ye The Lord*

by J.V. Roberts

Mark Ward, vocal soloist

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

# SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Kassandra Powell, Deacon

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR DEACON

### REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?  
**I will, with God's help.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *The 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.**

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

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## UNISON PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*Ordained elders and deacons in the PC(USA) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

## DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

**\*SENDING HYMN #477**

*Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary in G Minor*

*by Roseingrave*

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

\*\*Please take a moment to extend the peace of Christ to one another by greeting those around you. Say "hello," wave, learn each other's names - whatever feels most comfortable to you.

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ARTWORK NOTES:** Today's bulletin cover art is "Living Water" by Lauren Wright Pittman & based on John 4:5-42. This digital painting centers the mutuality between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Positioned eye to eye, their mirrored postures reflect shared need—Jesus asks for water; she longs for living water. Where their arms overlap, a vibrant blue drop with a dove emerges, symbolizing the Spirit's life-giving presence born from relationship. Subtle divisions in the background reference cultural and religious barriers, while her abandoned jar hints at transformed identity. The piece invites viewers to consider how Christ meets us in vulnerability and calls us into new life.

**NORTHWESTERN BAND DINNER:** We are serving a meal on Friday the 27th of March for the Northwestern College Band & the UD Band. We are less than 3 weeks out. We really need your help on donations for supplies, for side dishes that can feed 12, and helpers. Please let Rich Henderson know what you can do to help so we do not have too many of one item. Side dishes should be dropped off on 3-27 by pm. Donations can be dropped off in the kitchen the week of 3-23.

**EASTER FLOWERS TO SUPPORT DEACON'S EMERGENCY FUND:** Help fill the Sanctuary with beautiful flowers! Order tulips or lilies (\$20 each) in memory or in honor of a loved one – or simply to add to the joy of the day. With every order, \$5 supports the Bread of Life Deacon's Emergency Fund, assisting neighbors facing urgent financial hardship. Order forms are available on the Information Table. Please return your completed form with payment in the offering plate or to the Church Office by March 29, 2026. After worship on Easter Sunday, you are welcome to take your flowers home or share them with someone special.

**WELCOME TO THE TEAM, SAM!** The Session and Personnel Team are delighted to welcome Sam Fenstermacher as our Interim Communications Assistant, beginning March 9, 2026. In this role, Sam will help Bread of Life tell its story, strengthen communications, support the office, and assist with our church management system, Realm. He will often be your first point of contact in the church office. After several years of retirement and nonprofit volunteer work in Dubuque, Sam brings professional experience in business, finance, and computer information systems – and a love of learning and fresh challenges. *Please join us in welcoming Sam!*

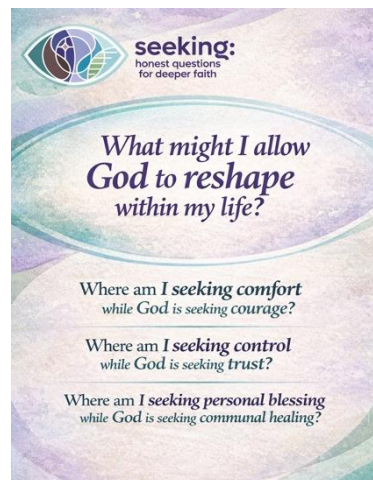
**WELCOME KASSANDRA!** Today in worship we covenant together in ministry with Cassandra Powell who will be ordained and installed as a Deacon in this congregation. Deacons in the PC(USA) are called to lead ministries of compassion, service, and stewardship, caring for people in need within the congregation and community.

**HUNGER OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

March 28, parking lot at 17th & Main, 8-10:30am. Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact Tom Stovall 563-581-7220 or tomstov@aol.com

**GARDEN NEEDS:** We now have enough milk jugs – thank you! We now need toilet paper tubes. Please drop them off in the kitchen.

**PASTOR KAITY WILL BE ON GONE** March 9-16, 2026. As ever, the Church Office is open M-TH 9:00am-2:00pm for your assistance; and in case of emergency pastoral needs, please contact Rev. Stephanie Ells at [fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com) or (507)-227-8537. Thank you!



## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For those folks navigating ongoing health concerns: **Joyce Bausman, Jolene Kilcoyne, Angie Lockhart, Gene Myers, Lois and Doug Pearce, HannaRose Otting, Betty** and **Leon Thompson, Les Sonsken, and Arlys Williams.**
- For **Tom Stovall** who will be receiving radiation infusion treatments in Iowa City over the next many months.
- For **Paula McNally** on the death of her Aunt Genevieve. She had been like a mother to Paula since she was 13 years old.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List.**

**HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR JOY TO SHARE?** Folks on the **Bread of Life Prayer Chain** would be honored to pray for you. Simply email Pastor Stephanie at [fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com), and she will distribute your request. You may also join the Bread of Life Prayer Chain this way! **For Pastoral Care** please call **(563) 279-4545** or the church office.

\*All activities will take place at Bread of Life's Hilltop Campus, unless otherwise noted. \*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 8

9:00am – Christian Formation, ClassRms

10:00am – **Sunday Worship**

11:00am – Coffee & Fellowship, NTX

11:30am – Moms on Fire, CR

11:30am – Youth Group, FH, K, YR

### Monday, March 9

4:30pm – Friends Yoga, C

5:30pm – Mission Meeting, WR

6:00pm – Pack 20, HS

6:30pm – Christian Formation, B

### Tuesday, March 10

9:00-1:00pm – St. Vincent Back2Work, BR

9:00am – Tai Chi, FH

3:30pm – Finance Team, BR

4:30pm – Deacons, BR

4:00pm – Ping Pong Tuesdays, HS

### Wednesday, March 11

8:00am – Men's Coffee, FH

9:00-1:00pm – St. Vincent Back2Work, BR

9:15am – Staff Mtg, WR

4:00pm – Rooted Good Meeting, BR

5:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal, S

7:00pm – Keyway Lodge AA Group, HS

### Thursday, March 12

9:00-1:00pm – St. Vincent Back2Work, BR

11:00am – Adult Bible Study, CR

### Friday, March 13

9:00-1:00pm – St. Vincent Back2Work, BR

### Saturday, March 14

8:30am – Trees Forever, Narthex

9:00am – JKP Comm. Mtg, CR/BR

### Sunday, March 15

9:00am – Christian Formation, ClassRms

10:00am – **Sunday Worship**

11:00am – Coffee & Fellowship, NTX

11:00am – Choir Rehearsal, SA

11:30am – Moms on Fire, CR

11:30am – Youth Group, FH, K, YR

## CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

### TODAY'S SERVICE

**Preacher:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Liturgists:** Paul Uzel, Doug Cheever

**Musicians:** Kristen Eby

**Greeters:** Tom & Linda Stovall

**Ushers:** Mark Ward & Carolyn Dausner

**Hospitality Set Up:** Carolyn Dausner

**Hospitality Clean Up:** Liz Ty

### CHURCH STAFF

**Lead Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Kaity Kemp

**Business Manager:** Jeffrey T. Gladwin

**Director of Music:** Kristen Eby

**Care Coordinator:** Sam Wu **#563-279-4545**

**Band Director:** Sally Stulken