



# BREAD OF LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 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.

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## GATHERING MUSIC

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**      One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

## FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

“Can these bones live?” Can you find hope when things are bleak? Do you believe new life can come after death? How do we trust God’s promise of resurrection?

## PRELUDE

*Near to the Heart of God*

arr. J.M. Smith

## 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. (2x)**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

**Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

**Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**

If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.

**Hope lives here.**

So, come. Rest your weary bones.

**Let us worship Holy God.**

## **\*SONG OF PRAISE #402**

*How Lovely, Lord*

## **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**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Seek the Lord*

by Lloyd Larson

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **SERMON**

Seeking: "Can These Bones Live?"

#### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Can These Bones Live?*

#### **\*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH+**

**We believe that God loves us—**

**God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.**

**We believe that God does not give up on us—  
breathing new life into tired bones.**

**We believe that God returns to us—  
always seeking us when we are lost.**

**We believe that God holds hope for us—  
so we hold onto hope as well.**

**We believe, help our unbelief.**

**In Christ's name we pray, amen.**

## **THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

arr. Thygerson

### **\*DOXOLOGY #606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PETITION**

### **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.

**\*SENDING HYMN #815**

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*arr. Benjamin*

\* 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.

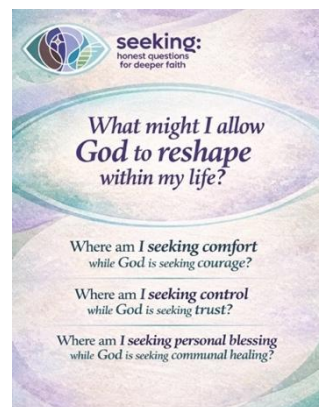
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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP – Seeking: “Will You Wash My Feet?” (& “Why Have You Forsaken Me?”)** will be held **Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm** at the **Hilltop Campus**. On this holy night, we remember Jesus’ last evening with his disciples. With betrayal at the table and violence at the door, Jesus kneels to wash their feet—an act of abundant love that Peter at first resists: “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Like Peter, we may question God’s love in moments of fear and loss. As we share in the Lord’s Supper and move toward the silence of Good Friday, we will seek a posture of trust—honestly facing loss while trusting that God is present, even in the shadow of the cross.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: COME EARLY FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION:** Before we gather at the table—before the bread is broken and the story unfolds—come early. From 6–6:45 p.m., all ages are invited to move through a series of hands-on prayer stations, hosted by our Christian Formation Team. These experiences will guide us step by step toward the sanctuary, growing quieter and more contemplative as we go:

- Twist dough into prayer pretzels (kitchen)
- Create prayer beads or write a simple prayer or devotion
- Walk a candlelit prayer labyrinth
- Light a candle in the shape of the cross and offer a quiet prayer
- Enter the sanctuary for a time of prayerful vigil



Together, we begin in motion—hands busy, voices gentle—and slowly settle into stillness, preparing our hearts for worship. All are welcome.

**THE 115th ANNUAL COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** will be held at **St. Luke's United Methodist Church** (1199 Main St) from **12:00–3:00pm on Friday, April 3rd, 2026**. Join for all or any of this poignant and reflective service as it moves through the seven last words of Christ, reminding us of the sacrifice of Love we have in Jesus Christ.

**EASTER BREAKFAST: Pancakes, sausage, eggs,** and a cup of hot coffee or refreshing juice will be ready to enjoy in the Fellowship Hall starting at **8:00 AM on Easter Sunday, April 5;** thanks to the BoL Men's Group. Come, eat, and worship afterwards as we experience joy and hope that comes with Easter.

**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.

**ARTWORK NOTES:** Today's bulletin cover art is **"Rubble"** by Carmelle Beaugelin & based on Ezekiel 37:1–14. Created with conté crayon, charcoal, acrylic, and spices, this work connects the prophet's valley of dry bones to the devastation of Haiti's earthquake. Limbs reach through debris, recalling both despair and longing for rescue. The piece challenges interpretations that distance suffering, asking whether we are spectators, self-appointed prophets, or participants in restoration. "Rubble" speaks to resurrection that carries the scent of burial and invites us to join God's work of embodied, communal healing.

**WONDER WALL INVITATION:** During the *Seeking* sermon series, you are invited to share a wondering inspired by worship. After the service, write a question or reflection on a **"We Wonder About..."** card and pin it to the Wonder Wall in the sanctuary. There are no wrong wonderings—only an invitation to seek God and grow in faith together. Cards are located on the far right and left ends of the pews and at the Information Table in the back of the sanctuary.

**BOOKMARK FOR REFLECTION:** Feel free to take the included bookmark home for yourself or even give it as a gift to someone who may need the reminder God is with them in their seeking.

**PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE ON GONE** March 18–24, 2026 on medical leave. 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. Kaity Kemp at 563-581-1471 or [associatepastor@wpcdbq.org](mailto:associatepastor@wpcdbq.org). Thank you!

**NORTHWESTERN BAND DINNER:** We are serving a meal on Friday the 27th of March for the Northwestern College Band & the UD Band. 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.

**HOSTS NEEDED ON FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 27:** Bread of Life will be welcoming the Northwestern College Symphonic Band for a performance on Friday, March 27. Would you be able to provide a bed for the night for 2 or more band members? Please let Kristen Eby know at keby@dbq.edu.

**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

**GREEN TEAM TIP – REUSABLE TOTE BAGS:** Take your own reusable tote bags with you when you shop for groceries and everything else. Stop using single-use plastic bags as they are dangerous to our environment. Educate yourself on what harm plastic causes to our planet.

## 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 the family of **John Barland** who passed away Saturday, March 8th. A private family service is being planned in John's hometown of Eau Claire, WI. John was the father of **Chuck Barland** (Professor of Music / University of Dubuque Organist).
- For **Tom Boelk** who is receiving medical care for pancreatitis.
- 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 **Jean Sutherland**, sister of **Judy Schuster** and **Jim Donatsch**, who is now in hospice care in Cottonwood, AZ.
- For **Mike H.** who had a heart incident this week.
- For those involved in the shooting in Dubuque last week involving two young men.
- For the people of Israel and Iran, especially the families of the children that have died.
- 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 22

**9:00am – Christian Formation**, ClassRms

9:30am – Choir Warm Up, SA

**10:00am – Sunday Worship**

11:00am – Coffee & Fellowship, NTX

11:30am – Moms on Fire, CR

11:30am – Youth Group, FH, K, YR

### Monday, March 23

4:30pm – Friends Yoga, CR

5:30pm – Hospitality/Outreach, BR

6:00pm – Pack 20, HS

### Tuesday, March 24

8:30am – Rescue Mission, BR

9:00am – Tai Chi, FH

5:00pm – Ping Pong Tuesdays, HS

### Wednesday, March 25

8:00am – Men's Coffee, ST

9:15am – Staff Mtg, WR

4:00pm – Green Team, BR

4:45pm – Practice for Palm Sunday, S

5:30pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal, S

7:00pm – Keyway Lodge AA Group, HS

### Thursday, March 26

9:00am – Meal Prep, K

11:00am – Adult Bible Study, CR

1:00pm – BOL Book Club, NTX

### Friday, March 27

9:00am – Meal Prep, K

5:30pm – Northwestern Band, FH,K

### Sunday, March 29

**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

## CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

### TODAY'S SERVICE

**Preacher:** Rev. Kaity Kemp

**Liturgists:** Allie Hinga

**Musicians:** Kristen Eby, Choir

**Greeters:** Judy Sheridan & Deb Stant

**Ushers:** John & Pam Adams

**Hospitality Set Up:** Tom & Judi Schutt

**Hospitality Clean Up:** Rich Henderson

### CHURCH STAFF

**Lead Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Kaity Kemp

**Business Manager:** Jeffrey T. Gladwin

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