

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Is your cell phone off? Thanks for checking.

MARCH 8, 2026

10:00 A.M.

***With doors wide open**, we welcome all to come and discover how
God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,
our community, the world and with God.*

***With arms wide open**, we welcome all who are looking for something more,
who have questions, who want to make a difference as
they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.*

***With hearts wide open**, we welcome you.*

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(cf. Psalm 95)

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship -

People: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*HYMN # 361 "How Firm a Foundation"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: ***In Unison***

*Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide
from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from
our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored
the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.*

*O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that
we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: #579 Hymnal "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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "Lead Me, Lord"

S. Wesley

*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.*

SCOUTING SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – One Great Hour of Sharing

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:

Psalm 95

Pew Bible, page 581

NEW TESTAMENT:

Luke 24:25-27, 44

Pew Bible, page 1025

SERMON TITLE:

“Sacred History”

Jeff Prey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #399 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: TAIZÉ # 36 “The Lord is My Light”

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust, in God I trust.

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MINUTE FOR MISSION – One Great Hour of Sharing

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY: “In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful”

Taizé

*THE DOXOLOGY, #592 Hymnal

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 379 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Else”

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN: “Lord of All Goodness”

Taizé

PASSING THE PEACE: “*May God's peace be with you.*”

POSTLUDE

Worship has ended; let Service begin.

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Lay Reader this morning is Deborah H.

~ *Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts* ~

Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us next Sunday.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 23; Luke 24:19-21, 25-27

Sermon Title: “Sacrificial Death”

MARCH 8, 2026... *During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. Chancel flowers are a great opportunity to honor, or remember loved ones and to celebrate special occasions. If you like to sign up, the flower chart is located in the office hallway or call the church office to make arrangements. Welcome Packets can be found at either door and are available for visitors, also available to take and share with your neighbors or anyone else, so as to introduce them to the church. Please feel free to visit our website www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org, or call the church office if you have any questions.*

OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ... Please keep the following people in your prayers: Sylvie, Darrell, Jen, Cindy, Richard, Hazel, Charlie and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit, and all those going through difficult times.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ... *are given to the glory of God.*

COFFEE HOUR...

Today: Liz H.
 Girl Scouts
 Next: Volunteer Needed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

March 10 Jeff P.
 15 Adam Z.
 Madeline Z.
 Wesley Z.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER ... If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine L. 922-3126.

This week...

Today	Daylight Savings Time Began	2:00 a.m.
	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Scout Sunday	
	A.M.E. Zion Church History	1:00 p.m.
	presented by Dr. Denice Sheppard	
	Music by Gospera featuring June Townes	
Sat 3/14	Community Dinner	March 14
	(hosted by Boy Scouts)	
Sun 3/15	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Palm Sunday Pageant Practice	11:30 a.m.
Coming Up...	Bookies	March 25
	A Celebration of the Life of	March 28
	Richard Longworth	
	Palm Sunday Pageant Worship	March 29
	Easter Egg Hunt	

SERMON OUTLINE

“SACRED HISTORY”

Introduction: how do we know...?

I. Promise & Fulfillment

A. everything must be fulfilled

B. and – it was

II. Your Path

A. a careful consideration

B. obstacles on the way

III. Pertinent Questions

A. if this is true...

B. finding our place

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected and delivered to local food pantries. Please place your food donations at the front of the church. Blue Bags are available in the vestibule. Your donations are greatly appreciated, Thank you!

Palm Sunday

Pageant Practice

March 15 – 11:30 a.m.

March 22 – 11:30 a.m.

March 29 – 9:00 a.m.

Stay Connected with our Presbytery of Long Island!

Did you know that our presbytery:

- meets four times a year to connect our congregations in ministry
- offers a preaching and communion class for elders, as well as support for clerks of session, treasurers, elders, deacons, and other leaders of the congregation
- provides a weekly gathering on Zoom to pray for our nation, congregations, and members
- shares announcements from Presbyterian churches across Long Island
- sends out resources to help churches with Christian Education, finances, property, leadership development, and more
- connects us with what's happening in the PC(USA), as well as with local ecumenical and interfaith partnerships

This information is shared in an email newsletter from our presbytery, called the "Nexus," that comes out three times a month and is available to all members of congregations in the presbytery. Sign up for the Nexus newsletter to stay updated on events, resources, ministry opportunities, and more within YOUR presbytery!

To join our mailing list, please email Laurie at laurie@presbyteryofli.org with your name and email address.

How Firm a Foundation

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"K" in *A Selection of Hymns, 1787*
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11

American folk melody
Funk's *Genuine Church Music, 1832*



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,



Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;



What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held - by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

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."

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found:
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an-chor
 whelm-ing flood; When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is
 Him be found, Dressed in His right - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

Refrain

lean on Je - sus' name.
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
 all my hope and stay.
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.