

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Is your cell phone off? Thanks for checking.

FEBRUARY 22, 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: "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Taizé

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(cf. Psalm 32)

Pastor: Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven -
People: **We will rejoice and be glad in all God's Blessings.**

*HYMN # 184 "How Blest Are Those"

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

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSON

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: "Lenten Prayer"

David Ashley White

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:

Psalm 32

Pew Bible, page 543

NEW TESTAMENT:

Luke 24:13-24

Pew Bible, page 1025

SERMON TITLE:

“Sorrowful Searching”

Jeff Prey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #543 “Abide with Me”

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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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 # 80 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

*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 David H.

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

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

Scripture Readings: Psalm 121; Luke 24:25-32

Sermon Title: “Scripture”

FEBRUARY 22, 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, 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.

Our deepest condolences to Anne Evans' daughters and family as Anne has gone home to be our heavenly father.

COFFEE HOUR...

Today: Catherine B.
Next: Kris & Jerry L.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

February 23 Bill A.
24 Kiki P.
27 Bill McC.
28 Caitlin O.

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	First Sunday in Lent	
	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sat 2/28	Long Range Planning Mini Retreat	9:00 a.m.
Sun 3/1	Communion Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	C.E. / Sunday School Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Coming Up...	Deacons Meeting	March 3
	Daylight Savings Time Begins	March 8
	Community Dinner (hosted by Boy Scouts)	March 14

SERMON OUTLINE

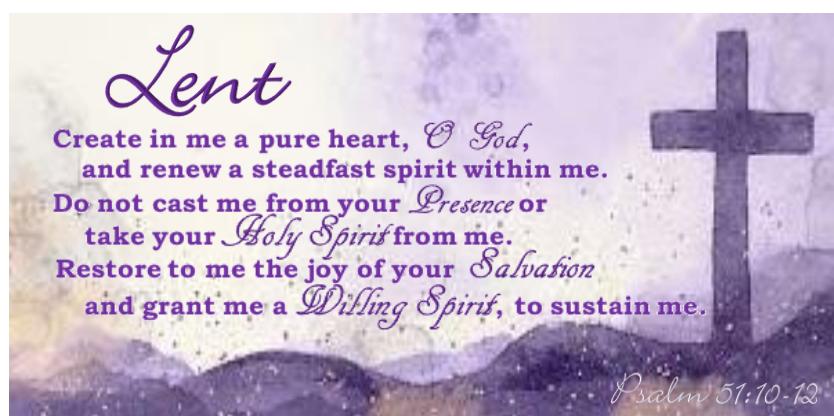
“SORROWFUL SEARCHING”

Introduction: “to boldly go ...”

- I. Easter’s Afternoon
 - A. no celebration
 - B. just walk away
- II. Let’s Walk
 - A. counting steps:
 - B. or – finding grace
- III. We’re Not Alone
 - A. helpful companions
 - B. Jesus shows up

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!



Fred R. Anderson, 1986

Memmingen ms., 17th century
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904

1. How blest are those whose great sin Has free - ly been for - given.
 2. While I kept guilt - y si - lence, My strength was spent with grief.
 3. So let the god - ly seek You, When trou - bling times are near;
 4. "I gra-cious-ly will teach you The way that you should go.

Whose guilt is whol - ly cov - ered Be - fore the sight of heaven.
 Your hand was heav - y on me; My life found no re - lief.
 No storm or flood shall reach them, Nor cause their hearts to fear.
 And with My eye up - on you, My coun - sel you shall know.

Blest those to whom our Lord God Will not im - pute their sin,
 But when I made con - fes - sion And hid no sin from You,
 In You, O Lord, I hide me, You save me from all ill,
 But be not then un - rul - y, Or slow to un - der - stand;

Whose guilt has been for - giv - en, Whose heart is true a - gain.
 When I re-vealed my own guilt, You gave me life a - new.
 And songs of Your sal - va - tion My heart with rap-ture fill.
 Be not per-verse, but will - ing To heed My wise com-mand."

5. The sorrows of the wicked
 In number shall abound,
 But those who trust our own God
 Great mercy shall surround.

Then in the Lord be joyful,
 In song lift up your voice;
 Be glad in God, you righteous;
 Rejoice, O saints, rejoice.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1847

EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10

William Henry Monk, 1861

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - - tle day;
 3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I sec.
 Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy vic - to - ry?

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if Thou a - bide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:
 Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY 8.8.10.8

American spiritual

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1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val - ley, He had to
 2. We must walk this lone-some val - ley, We have to
 3. You must go and stand your tri - al, You have to

walk it by Him - self; O, no-bod-y else could walk it
 walk it by our - selves; O, no-bod-y else can walk it
 stand it by your - self, O, no-bod-y else can stand it

for Him, He had to walk it by Him - self.
 for us, We have to walk it by our - selves.
 for you, You have to stand it by your - self.