

First Sunday in Lent - February 22, 2026

If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, **we welcome you in Christ's name**. We invite you to stand, if you are able, where there is a "†" (cross) in the program and to join in speaking with the congregation any parts that are in **bold** type. Our Communion, normally held the first Sunday of every month, is open to all.

Today's Musician: Wendy Boman

Ringings of the Bell

Welcome

Prelude *"Mansion Over The Hilltop"*

Reflection: *God, as we begin the season of Lent, we ask that you help us in this time to pause and listen for Your word. For You hold all of eternity, yet our time is brief. We ask that you help us in our short time—and especially over the next 40 days—that we may draw closer to You. Amen.*

† Responsive Call to Worship

One: We are gathered today to worship our God.

All: Send your Spirit upon us.

One: We come from many places, with different burdens.

All: Send you Spirit upon us.

One: Help us turn our hearts to you, O God.

All: Send your Spirit upon us, and make us your beloved family.

† Opening Hymn *"The Old Rugged Cross"* NCH #195

† Passing of the Peace

Offering Invitation: *We express our dedication and thankfulness to God through our presence here & online as well as through the giving of ourselves, our time, our talents, & our offerings. This church prays to be a true & faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ & asks God's blessing on these offerings in Jesus' Name!*

Children's Moment - *feat. Young Musician, Brigán Barngrover*

Today's Scriptures

Old Testament ~ *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

Our Response ~ *Psalms 32* NCH pg. 642

New Testament ~ *Matthew 4:1-11*

Unison Confession: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, but often we fall short of the love that God has for us, and that God expects from us in return. Let us confess our shortcomings and limits of our trust.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: God's love for us is enduring & available in a deep way right now. The good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that brings us new life & transformation is arriving even as we speak & worship!

Responsive Prayers for the World by the People

Response: **"Holy One, hear our prayer."**

The Prayer of Our Savior

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, & forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom & the power & the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation *"In the Garden"* NCH #237

Sermon *"The Fall"* Pastor Jono

Music for Meditation *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"*

Sharing of Announcements, Prayer Updates, Joys and Concerns

-Church Council Meeting is tomorrow—*Monday, February 23 @ 4:35 PM.*

-Bible Group begins anew today with a four-week exploration of *The Way of a Pilgrim!* Anyone—first timer or seasoned veteran—is welcome to join!

-Call for submissions! We're looking for any stories/thoughts/updates or articles/treatises/poetry for inclusion in the Spring Newsletter! *Monday, March 2nd is the deadline!*

-We've updated our "Littles" sign-up: it's now 7th Grade and up!

-Winter Sign-Ups are now available! If you want to read, help out with littles, or join a hospitality group, please sign up in the hall or online!

† Closing Hymn *"Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"* NCH #551

† Benediction

† Recessional

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Psalm 16:11