MITCHELL ROAD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

March 15, 2026—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

*The purpose of worship is to proclaim the wonderful works of God,*
*and to evoke from the worshiper a response of praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience.*
*"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!" (Psalm 34:3)*

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision*

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

*Call to Worship from Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

*Prayer of Adoration

*Songs of Praise

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone—Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

*Oh sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.*
*O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good—God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave what will we sing? Christ He lives—Christ He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore!

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* *Please stand if you are able.*

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

*"Before the Throne of God Above" Words and Music: Charitie Bancroft and Vicki Cook*
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## Scripture Reading — Psalm 147:1-7

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

## Choral Meditation

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing;
Who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street; who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them His aid,
He pours out His spirit on vessels so weak, that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise Him all ye who live, who've been given so much and can so little give.
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise—He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

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# LAMENTING THE FALL

## Confession of Sin — Psalm 32:1-4

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

## Moment of Silent Confession

## The Lord's Prayer

## CHERISHING REDEMPTION

### Words of Grace and Peace — Psalm 32:5, Romans 4:5-7

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

...To the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:
"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered."

### *Hymn of Worship

*K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.*
*8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.*
*9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.*

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?*

He left his Father's throne above—so free, so infinite his grace!
Humbled himself—so great his love! and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
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### Pastoral Prayer

## LONGING FOR RESTORATION

### Scripture Reading — Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

### Sermon — *Trusting God with Vulnerability* — Andy Lewis

### Time of Silent Prayer

### *Hymn of Response

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above. *(continued)*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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**Assisting in Worship Today:**
Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor Liturgist: Tim Pitzer, Next Generation Pastor

## March Elective - Hope Explored (B111 at 9:45 am)

Discover how the gospel infuses life with the hope, peace, and purpose we all long for. You'll see how Jesus was the fulfilment of a promise of hope made to God's Old Testament people and how His life, death, and resurrection are the guarantee of an even greater fulfilment to come.

## March 29 - April 5—Holy Week at Mitchell Road

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| Sunday, March 29 | Normal morning worship times (8:30, 9:45, 11:00am) |
| | 5:30 pm - Hymn Sing |
| Wednesday, April 1 | 7:00 pm - Congregation-wide 24 hour fast begins |
| Thursday, April 2 | 5:45 pm - Maundy Thursday service *(nursery crib to K3 available)* |
| Friday, April 3 | 5:00 pm—Good Friday service *(childcare birth to K3, and K4/K5 at 5:00 pm service)* |
| | 7:00 pm—Good Friday service with Choir |
| Sunday, April 5 | 7:00 am Resurrection Day sunrise service |
| | 8:30 and 9:45 am—Resurrection Day Sanctuary worship service |
| | 9:45 and 11:00 am—Resurrection Day Fellowship Hall worship service |
| | *No Sunday School for kids, youth or adults.* |
| | *Childcare (birth to K3) and Kids Church (K4/K5) for all services except sunrise* |

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