
First Presbyterian Church of Palestine, IL
Order of Service
Second Sunday of Lent, A

March 1, 2026



A medieval stained-glass window found in Wells Cathedral in Wells, Somerset, England, that illustrates Numbers 21:9, where Moses mounts a serpent on a pole so that those bitten by snakes could look at it and be healed.

Welcome to worship service at the First Presbyterian Church in Palestine, IL. Whether you are here in person, or watching us online, we are honored that you have chosen to worship with us!

*****INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.***

Gathering Music

Welcome And Announcements

Prelude

As our prelude is played, let us quiet our soul with meditation and prayer.

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,

God calls us to follow in trust.

God is able to make us more than we have been

and blesses us on the way.

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again,

Christ invites us to become a new creation.

Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light,

and we are saved through him.

Let us pray...

God our helper, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

****Opening Hymn “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” Blue Hymnal #341 All Verses**

Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

Time with the Younger Church The Gavel

Call to Confession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and gracious God, you give us every reason to have confidence in you. Still, we are burdened by questions: Where are you calling us to go? From where will our help come? How can your promises be fulfilled? Patient God, we confess our fear and lack of faith. Open our minds, O God, and open our hearts, that we may know you are faithful and can trust your merciful care for us.

...in the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Friends,

believe the good news of the gospel...

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Grateful Response

*****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.

THE WORD

Scripture Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:1-17
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *For God So Loved the World*

Call for the Offering



March – One Great Hour of Sharing.

How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POBox 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon., Tues., or Thurs., 10 am – 2 pm.

Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)**

*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

Joys and Concerns

Hymn for the Lord's Supper "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" Insert 509

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With great joy we give you thanks and praise...

... Here us now as we offer the prayer Christ taught us to pray...

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.

Breaking and Pouring and Serving

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending**

“To God Be the Glory”

Blue Hymnal #485 All Verses

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [**Refrain**]

Benediction

Postlude

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PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated

Nancy York – she will be having surgery March 3rd in Indy for Melanoma on her ear

Jackie Shaw – had a stent put in prayers for her recovery

Arlene Wilson – she had open heart surgery on Thursday prayers for her recovery

Our Continuing Care Concerns

Paster Tom Akers – continuing health concerns

Forrest Kent – prayers for continued healing

Paul and Nancy Gray – car accident still a long road ahead of them for healing

Paul Postlewaite – continue to pray for healing

Dick McCarty – Radiation and immunotherapy infusions continue to pray for him and his family

Jocelyne Ramsey & Family

Rita Garrard – Breast Cancer

Kathy Lutes

Prayers for the Knoblett Children - with their ongoing Behavior Challenges

Addie – (Pastor Nan’s granddaughter) recovering from surgery from a dog bite

Mary Laughead – Would appreciate having visitors from her church family, Carle Richland Memorial Hospital, 800 E Locust Street, Suite 304, Olney, IL 62450

Hob Murphy – ICU in St. Vincent (Indy) heart and kidney issues (Husband to Beverly Goodwin Murphy)

Judy Kincaid – Back injury

Krue Williams - Leukemia

Luke Hayes – Brain disorders

Shawn Bennett - Samantha Knoblett’s Brother

Tim Wilson – Recent Eye Surgery

People of Ukraine

Victims of Weather Disasters

People of Israel

Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes

BridgePointe Health Campus

Cheryl Mefford

1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591

Arbor Rose of Robinson

Marilyn Henderson and Sharon Biggs, George Baker

500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

Carle Richland Memorial Hospital

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION GIVING – MARCH

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One Great Hour of Sharing

MEETING DATES

- April 13th at 6p.m. Investment Committee meeting

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- **Choir Practice** None this week

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Food pantry needs volunteers! Monday 1-3 and Wednesday 5-6. They could use any able-bodied workers!

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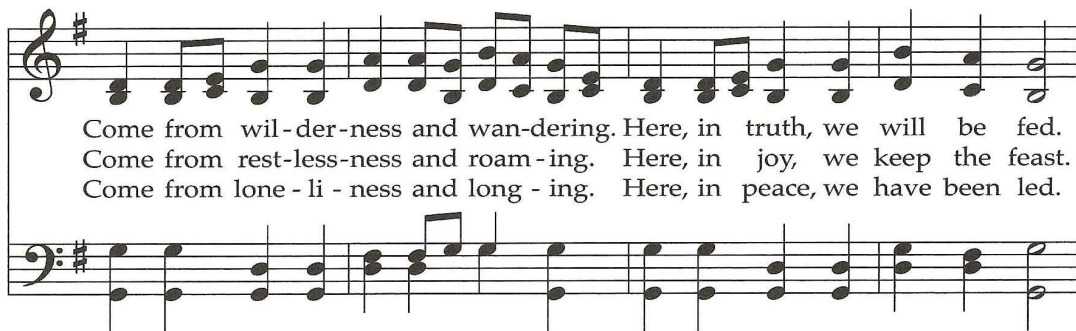
- 2025 Annual Report
- The Upper Room –January/February
- The Upper Room – March/April

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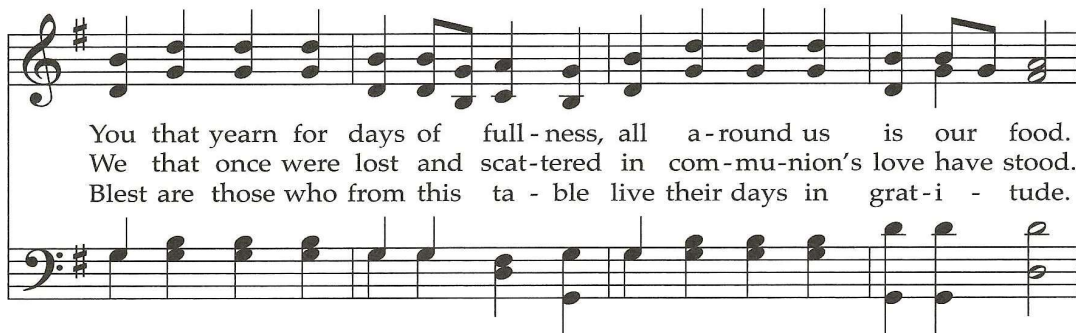
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.