



Worship Service for
First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025

**The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Philippians 4:23**

Prelude “And Can it Be”

arr. De Cou/Innes

Greeting & Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

***Mutual Greeting**

**To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
Philippians 4:20**

***Call to Worship**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord:

My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

For God will protect us from evil and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

God rescues those who love God and is present with us in trouble.

God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Worship** “Bless the Lord, O Saints and Servants”

LUYH 399

***The Psalm**

Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you;
my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.

Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.

But those plotting to destroy me will come to ruin. They will go down into the depths of the earth. They will die by the sword and become the food of jackals. But the king will rejoice in God. All who swear to tell the truth will praise him, while liars will be silenced.

***Song of Praise** “He Will Hold Me Fast”

Habershon/Merker

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2**

The Prayer of Confession

Forgive my sins, O Lord, the sins of my soul and the sins of my body, the sins I have done to please myself and the sins I have done to please others. Forgive me those sins which I know, and those which I know not. Forgive them all in your mercy. Amen.

Lancelot Andrewes, d. 1626

**Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Philippians 1:27**

The Assurance of Salvation

Believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Song of Assurance “Knowing You”

Kendrick

**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:6**

The Blessing for Children

Mighty God, you heard the cries of your people and rescued them from their enemies. You cared for them in the wilderness. Your son, Jesus, also experienced the wilderness. When we face difficult times, like our own wilderness journeys, we thank you that your Spirit helps us and your love guides us. Guide and help us this morning, we pray, Amen.

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to follow the banner for Walk Out Worship.
Children are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

**Holding fast to the word of life.
Philippians 2:16**

The Scripture Reading Philippians 3:1-11

p. 981

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "Rubbish"

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.
Philippians 2:9-11**

***Song of Response** "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LUYH 137

Prayers of the People

**And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19**

The Offering Harbor House Ministries

Offertory “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

arr. Wold

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7**

***Closing Hymn** “Eternal Spirit, God of Truth”

LUYH 641

***Benediction**

Postlude “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

- arr. Conkey

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Liturgist: Erik Veker

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Prayers of the People: Amy Anderson

Vocalists: Joslyn Wagenmaker

We display all music on the screen and LUYH (red hymnal) in the pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Special Offering: *Harbor House Ministries'* mission is to value the life of every person in providing quality, individualized care and residential services for adults with complex needs. We believe each person is created by God with purpose and value.

Afterward on Children's Ministries: Today at 11:30, Pastor Tim and Annie will discuss what we are doing and what we plan to do to help our children know, honor, love, and treasure the Lord. Come learn about the exciting initiatives and activities within our church's Children's Ministry program, and the opportunities we have for our congregation to invest in the next generation's faith formation.

Council Nominations: Nomination Forms for Council's Leadership Board and Care Volunteer positions are available in the narthex and at the Welcome Desk. Please return them by today, Sunday March 9.

Newcomers Class: If you are new to our congregation and are interested in membership or learning more about Second CRC, we look forward to seeing you on Sunday March 16 and Sunday March 23 for our newcomers class.

Walk Out Worship: 4s-1st graders will learn about the meaning of the season of Lent and also hear the story of Jesus healing Blind Bartimaeus.
2nd-5th graders will learn about the meaning of Lent and learn another way we can deepen our relationship with God: spending quiet time with Him in an imaginative prayer.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Jenna Brian's father Jim Villwock passed away on Wednesday. Please continue to pray for Jenna, Chris & Leddy and her mother Pat.

Wes Willink has moved to Resthaven Rehabilitation Cottage in Holland. Please pray for him and Mary.

Jim Mulder has undergone a procedure to target a tumor on his liver. The tumor was well defined, and the targeted radiation beads have a 95% success rate. Jim asks for prayers as he awaits the results of the treatment.

Thank you to my church family for their prayers, cards, visits and meals. I feel blessed to be a part of this fellowship. ~ Char Ter Haar.

The De Lange's have welcomed *Bridget* to their family. There is a bassinet in the Atrium for anonymous gifts and if you are able bless them with Freezer Meals, please sign up here: <https://mealtrain.com/53nvdz>

Please continue to pray for Ray & Shirley Kuiper.

Church Announcements:

Atrium Art Gallery: The walls of the Atrium have been hung with selections from the church's art collection. The gallery committee invites you to take time to look, enjoy and meditate on this showing of "*Art on the Journey to the Cross*".

Friendship Club begins its spring session on Tuesday, March 18. We need additional mentors and subs for one hour on Tuesday evenings, to be a blessing to a friend and be blessed by the time together. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216. There is a cookie sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

Online Pictorial Directory: We have begun the process for an Online/ Digital Pictorial Directory through Planning Center, our church software. You will be invited via email over the next several weeks to add your information and upload photos of yourself and/or household to the directory. If you have questions or need a photo taken at church, please contact Amy Wolffis by March 23.

Pinewood Derby: Rev up your engines and join us tonight, Sunday March 9. Come at 5:00pm, witness the excitement and enjoy fellowship as cars zoom down the track. Pizza will be provided to fuel your enthusiasm. Questions, contact Rob Wagenmaker at 616-638-0976.

Ping Pong Group: We meet on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

SWANs: Please mark your calendars for March 25, 9:30am, at church. Our talented Joan Tandler will be helping us make Memory bracelets! Refreshments will be served. Reservations are needed, please call Carole at 616-502-2015.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will continue Saturday March 15 at 8am. Future Dates: Mar. 29, Apr. 12 & 26, and May 10 & 24. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Razzini at razzini@att.net.

Vacation Bible School: Save the Dates of July 14–17, 2025 from 9am-12pm noon. Calling all kids to join us for "True North: An Alaskan Adventure" where kids will explore Jesus as their unshakable guide in our wild world. This event would not be possible without volunteers, sign-ups for the week of VBS are on the Welcome Desk! Registration will be opening soon, so continue to think about the families you can invite.

VBS Set Decoration Workshop: We partner with Ferrysburg Church each year to share set-decorations and curriculum resources. They are inviting Second's members to join them at their upcoming workshops to create the various décor. Workshops will be held March 13 and March 19 from 11am-2pm. Questions, please call Ferrysburg's office at 616-842-3880.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue with Proverbs on Thursday March 13 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Books are available in the office. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Worship Coordinator* to begin in April. If you know someone with musical talents and experience in leading worship, please let them know. We are looking for a *Communications Coordinator*. If you or anyone you know have a talent for communications or secretarial work, please let them know. Those interested in either position can contact [Amy Wolffis](#) for the job description or further information.

Volunteer Schedule

March 9, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Kraig Brolick, Cathy Brolick, Garry VandenBerg

Coffee Hosts: Todd & Amy Cunningham; Curt & Mary DeJongh

Nursery: Carisa Marotti, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Jenn Steigenga

Walk Out 4s-1st: Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Ian Clapp

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Annie Hoekzema, Frankie Folkert

Greeters: Ken Terpstra, Evan & Lois Reinders

Offering: Harbor House Ministries

March 16, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

Coffee Hosts: Craig & Annie Hoekzema; Bruce & Esther Drukker

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Jenn Steigenga, Vivian McCarthy

Walk Out 4s-1st: Barb Fritz, Kyla Zuidema

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Betsy Blackmon, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: David Vander Heide, Ron Retsema & Gary Roelofs

Offering: Faith Promise - Porters

Calendar

Sunday, March 9

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM – Afterward on Children's Ministries

11:30 AM – Bell Rehearsal

Monday, March 10

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 11

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM – Full Council

Wednesday, March 12

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

7 PM – CHAOS

Thursday, March 13

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women's Bible Hour

7 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 14

Saturday, March 15

8:00 AM – Tool Time

Sunday, March 16

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Newcomers Class

11:30 AM–Bell Rehearsal

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