

COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022
10:00 AM*



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mission Committee Meeting, Monday (3/7) at 7 PM.
- **Lenten Music Series—Marilyn Clark**, Tuesday (3/8) at 12 PM, in-person and livestreamed.
- Worship Committee Meeting, Tuesday (3/8) at 7 PM.
- Men's Breakfast, Wednesday (3/9) at 8:30 AM at Robin Hood.
- **Voices in Mission!—Dr. Richard Mshomba**, Wednesday (3/9) at 7 PM, in-person and livestreamed.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: Even as we enter the wilderness of Lent,

MANY: We rest in the shelter of the Most High;

ONE: We abide in the shadow of the Almighty;

MANY: We find refuge under the wings of our Holy Parent.

ONE: We trust that the angels of God

MANY: The words of God

ONE: The people of God

MANY: The hands of God

ONE: Will somehow bear us up.

MANY: And so we come to call on God who has promised to answer.

HYMN

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings, your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hidden God, we bring to this sanctuary and place on this table our burdens and brokenness; our self-image bruised and hurting; our fears, shame, doubts and anxieties: the raw materials we ask You to bless and change, that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see light and in our desert experiences we may find You.

(We pause for a moment of silent personal confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

Explain Yourself!

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Praise Band)*

Meet Us Here

MIKE HOHNHOLZ

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation - Hymn

Come to the Table

COME TO THE TABLE

**Come to the table, all you who praise God.
Laid in a stable, God's gift of love:
Jesus our Savior poured out his life's blood.
Our sins forgiven, God's gift of love.**

Come eat this bread now, my broken body.

My vow remember: I am your Lord.

Drink of this wine, the cup of salvation,

For you are mine, and I am your Lord.

All is now ready, like the first table.

Pray for the Spirit; lift up your hearts.

Christ has arisen, our Lord and Savior.

With great thanksgiving, lift up your hearts.

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.

HYMN

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

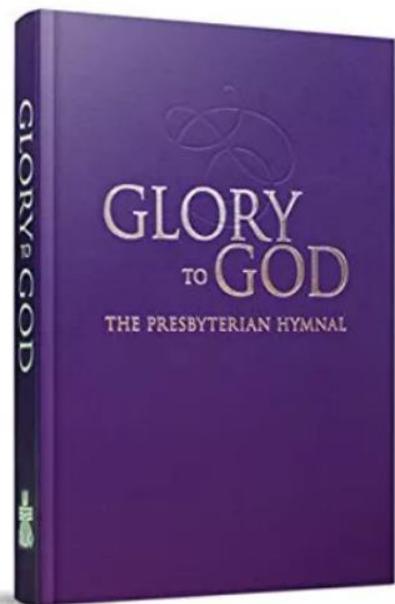
**Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.**

**As you with Satan did contend,
And did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
In you to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence,
And through your Passion-tide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, till when this life
Of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



HYMNAL UPDATE

With the goal of making available to the congregation a broad selection of hymns both old and new, the Worship Committee is excited to announce the purchase of the "Glory to God" Presbyterian Hymnal. We would like to offer members and friends of Northampton Presbyterian Church the opportunity to purchase a hymnal (**\$20 each**) in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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for our Noon Hour Lenten

MUSIC SERIES

Tuesdays
in March



VOICES IN MISSION!



*A WEDNESDAY NIGHT speaker series during Lent.
at 7 pm*

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship**, the **Offering Prayer** and the **Benediction** are written by Joanna Harader and posted on her Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com>

The **Prayer of Confession** is excerpted from a longer prayer written by Rev. Scott Mckenna, Minister of Edinburgh Mayfield Salisbury. Posted on the Church of Scotland's Weekly Worship website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk>

The **Pastoral Prayer** is written by Ann Weems and published in her book, *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. KY: Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 1992, 25.

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