

Prayer List

We protect the confidential nature of our prayer requests.

The complete list of requested prayers is provided during worship rather than in this "online" bulletin.

You may contact the church office concerning any needs for prayer, or you may also email prayer quests to prayercircle@ottawapresby.org.

Announcements

We are thankful this morning for the gift of music by Charlie Doepker. Beth & Chas are enjoying time with family.

Volunteers are needed tomorrow, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10 to help at the Ottawa Food Pantry. Signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board for those that can help.

Lenten Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Choir Practice is Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30pm.

Candy to fill the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt is due to the kitchen by Sunday, March 15th. Volunteers are also needed to help fill the Easter eggs with the candy. Please contact Marge Roberts if you can help.

Signup sheets are now posted on the bulletin board for Good Friday Prayer Vigil, anyone wanting to help with Palm Sunday Breakfast and decorate the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter.

Ottawa Elementary is holding a Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner Night on Monday, March 23 from 4:30-6:30pm in the back of the school. Adult Meal is \$8,

Children (under 10) is \$4. Tickets can be purchased from Mike, Stan, Paul or Karl.

A sheet for paint color suggestions for the bathrooms is posted on the bulletin board. Any colors you would like to see the bathrooms painted, please mark it down.

Lent is One Great Hour of Sharing Season. One Great Hour of Sharing offering will take place through April 5. We won't receive the offering until March 29 (Palm Sunday), however there are resources for you now. Fish banks and sharing calendars are available on the table downstairs.

2026 Directories are available in the entryway.

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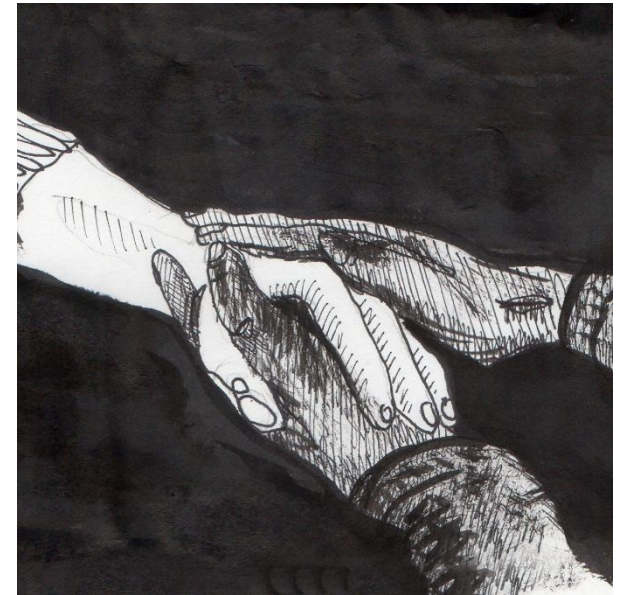
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Liz Valente, *Holding Hands* . <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/ink.pl?RC=57530>

Ottawa Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026

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Welcome to OPC!

*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

One: I was glad when they said to me,

All: Let us go to the house of the Lord!

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

All: which cannot be moved but abides forever.

One: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

All: so the Lord surrounds his people from this time and forever more. Let us worship God together!

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #65

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

All: God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean in to what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake.

*Silent Prayer: Amen

*Words of Assurance

*Hymn #166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (vs 1 & 3)

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Matthew 22:34-40

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Time with Kids Leslee Kirkconnell

Video

New Testament Reading Mark 12:28-34

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Teachings: Risking Challenge"*
Leslee Kirkconnell

RESPONSE

*Hymn *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* #816

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to you, O God...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Thank you, O God...Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer On screen

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Serving of the People
(Please hold the elements until all are served)

Prayer following Communion

Call to Offering

*The Doxology #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Closing Hymn #203
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Benediction & Charge

The Peace

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace.