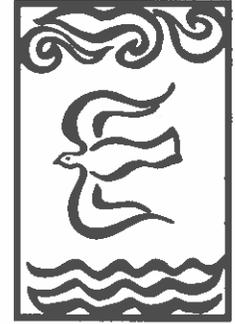


*PRINCE OF PEACE*  
*Spokane, Washington*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
*March 1, 2026*



*(9:30am)*

Welcome in the name of Jesus. If you are exploring faith in God for the first time, or if you are seeking a new church home, or if you've been coming here for years, we welcome you. We welcome children in worship and we recognize their wiggles and giggles as a sign of the joy of the Lord within them. We warmly invite you to take part and see the difference God can make.

\*denotes to stand if you are able

## **Gathering**

***The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.***

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

**P:** Gracious God,

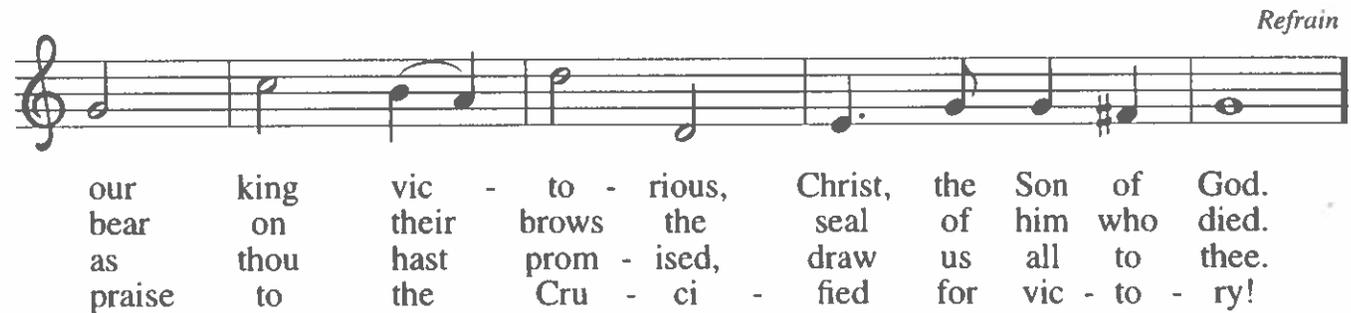
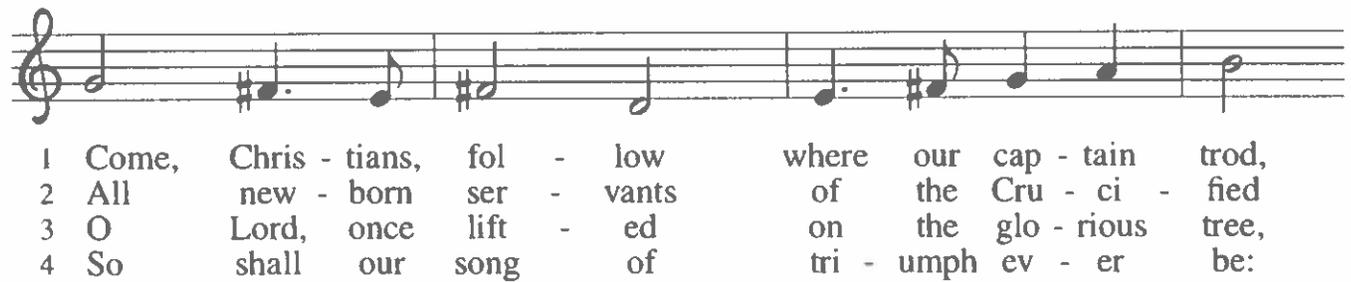
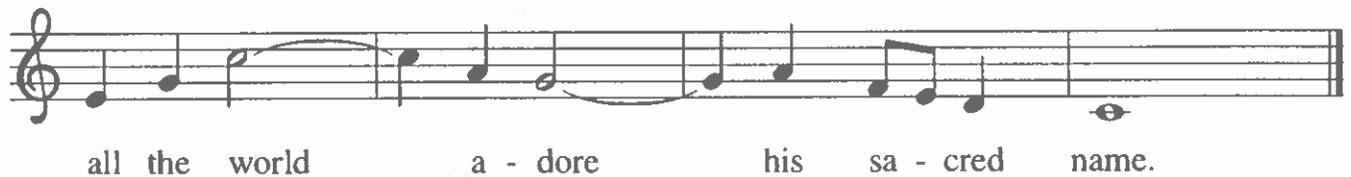
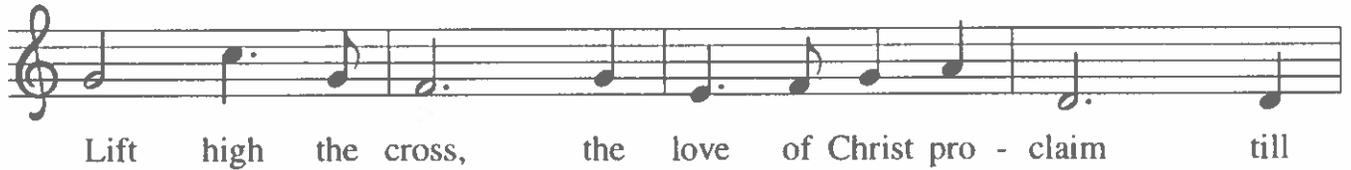
**All:** you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

\*Hymn

## Lift High the Cross



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L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

\*Kyrie

"Return to God"

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the  
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der  
faith - ful - ness of God.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, with a slur under the notes for 'faith - ful - ness of God'.

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\*Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

All: **O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### Children's Sermon

#### Readings

#### Genesis 12:1-4a

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

L: The word of the Lord,

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## Romans 4:1-5,13-17

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?  
<sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The word of the Lord,  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

## Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,  
 warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
 Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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**\*Gospel**

**John 3:1-17**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter.  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.  
 All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Joel Skindlov

\*Hymn of the Day

## Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un-fold-ing, give us all your vi-sion, God of love.  
 ev-'ry broth-er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal-ing; Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

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## \*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

## \*The Prayers

*Each petition ends:*

**L: Lord, in your mercy,  
 All: hear our prayer.**

*Concluding petition:*

**L:** . . . through your Son Jesus Christ.

**All:** **Amen**

**\*Sharing God's Peace**

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** **And also with you.**

***Meal***

***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.***

**Offering**

**\*Offering Hymn**

***"That We May Be Filled"***

Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we  
of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through  
Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that  
we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

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## \*Offering Prayer

L: Merciful God,

All: receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**\*Words of Institution**

**\*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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**



*"All who believe that Jesus Christ is present in this bread and wine as He has promised are welcome to join in the Lord's Supper."*

**Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

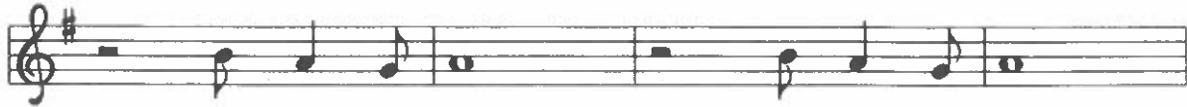
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## Communion Hymns

### One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
 bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y  
 through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

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## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

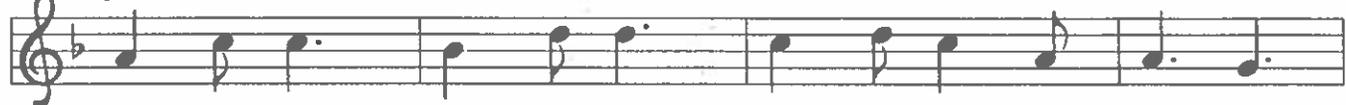


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



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Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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## For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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### \*Blessing

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Live in peace, your sins are forgiven.

**All:** Amen

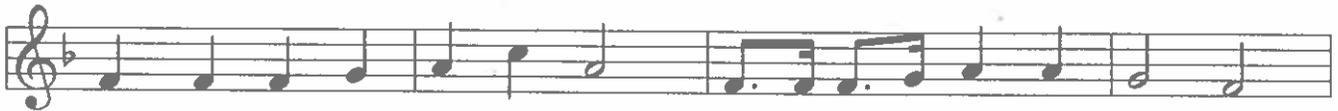
**\*Post Communion Prayer**

**L:** Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

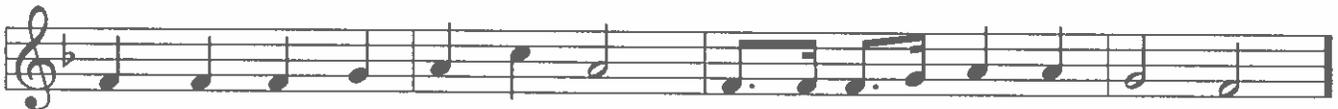
**All:** Amen

**\*Post Communion Hymn**

*"What Can Take Away My Sin"*



1 What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
2 For my par - don this I see: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
3 Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
4 This is all my hope and peace: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
For my cleans-ing this my plea: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
Naught of good that I have done: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
This is all my righ-teous-ness: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Oh, pre - cious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;



no oth - er fount I know: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

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## ***Sending***

***God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.***

### **\*Blessing**

**P:** May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

**All: Amen**

### **\*Hymn**

## **Blessed Assurance**



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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### Prince of Peace's Purpose Statement

**L:** God's purpose for Prince of Peace

**All:** is to share the story of God's love in, with, and for the community.

**L:** Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace  
to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.



## Lenten Schedule

### Mid-Week Lenten Services:

March 4,11,18 & 25 at 7pm  
(Soup Supper at 6:00 pm)

## **Prayers of the Church**

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### ***New requests of prayers for hope and healing for:***

Sharon Ballou, Maxine Blair (friend of the Elliotts), Michelle Buckley (daughter of the Hendricksons), Maya Burnett (Shadle HS student), for the family of Gary Johnson (friends of the Sanborns), Pam Nebelsieck, MarJean Redinger (friend of the Sanborns), the family of Judy Runion (sister of Curt Froscheiser), Melissa Skindlov, and Lindsay Steiner (friend of Skindlovs).

### ***Continued prayers for:***

Pam Carlson, Joyce Cleveland (friend of the Renfords), Amy Colwell & family (cousin of Joy Liezen), Lewis Dennie (former member), Bill Dupuis, Laney Floyd (Kim & Diane Floyd's grand-daughter), the great nephew of Froscheiser's, Josh Hawley, Mike Kaszycki (friend of the Elliotts), Dora & Curt Larson (sister & brother in law of Iris Pehan), Doug Moeller (brother of Dave Moeller), and Hannah Stewart Longhurst (friend of Frank Christoff).

### ***Prayers of safety for:***

Alex Holden, Seth Hertel, Nolen Kajiwara (friend of Ashley Christoff), and all Armed Forces serving around the world. We also pray for peace and comfort for their families during their time of separation.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at: 509-465-0779 or [popoffmgr@comcast.net](mailto:popoffmgr@comcast.net). Requests will remain on the list for a month unless the office is contacted to extend the request. Thank you.

## Announcements

### Lutherhaven Scholarships

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship for camp this summer, the forms are on the back table. Return completed forms to the office by **March 1st. TODAY!**

### Updated Directory

An updated directory has been emailed. There are printed copies in the wall display across from the office.

Thank you.

### Preschool 2025-2026 Registration

Fall Registration for Church and Preschool families began Tuesday, February 3rd. Registration forms are available in the Church Office. Or on the website. Registration for the public begins Monday, March 2nd. Remember we cannot hold spaces unless you enroll. Our classes fill up quickly.



### Pastor Joel– Office Hours

Pastor Joel will have office hours on Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm & Thursdays 10am—12pm. He is also available by appointment. Pastor Joel's #509-951-0223.

### Bible Study– Now @ Riverview Retirement Community

Join us for Bible Study on Thursdays from 1-2pm on Zoom or in person, for conversations about the Bible, faith, life and more! **We study the scripture to be used in the next Worship Service.** If you would like more information please contact the office.

509-465-0779 or [popoffmgr@comcast.net](mailto:popoffmgr@comcast.net)

Riverview Retirement Community– Chapel, 1801 E. Upriver Dr, Spokane, WA 99207



# Trespassing

There have been some incidents of trespassing and illegal camping on the church property. If you happen to travel past the church and see anything suspicious, please call crime check.

The address for the church is 8441 N. Indian Trail Rd.

**Crime Check #-509-456-2233**

# POP Pantry – The Cupboard is bare!

Food:

Small peanut butter jars, jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tuna/chicken, individual trail mix, meat sticks, granola bars, soup, & boxed meals.



Necessities:

Toothpaste, wrapped toothbrushes, deodorant, little lotions and dish soap.



Birthdays	Anniversaries
<p>3/3– Karen Rogge                      3/7– Susan Burgermyer                      3/11– Isaac Edwards                              Dave Golden                      3/12– Donna Claypool                      3/16– Iris Pehan                      3/19– De Dupuis                      3/21– Victoria Brown                              Curt Froscheiser                      3/24– Jeff Bottjen</p>	<p>3/14– Dave &amp; Lynne Jacobsen</p> 

## Serving You Today...

<p><b>Pastor:</b> Joel Skindlov  <b>Worship Assistant:</b> Mike Sanborn  <b>Keyboarding:</b> Janet Robel  <b>Altar Guild:</b> Susan Ames</p>	<p><b>Fellowship:</b> Renford  <b>Ushers:</b> Joe Rock  <b>Media:</b> Bernie Polikowsky  <b>Communion Servers:</b> Susan Ames</p>
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## This Week at Prince of Peace March 1-8, 2026

**SUNDAY** 9:30 am Worship Service/Sunday School

**MONDAY** 5:00 pm Executive Council

**TUESDAY** 5:30 pm Praise Group  
6:00pm Fellowship/Outreach Committee  
6:00 pm Finance Committee

**WEDNESDAY** 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper  
6:15 pm Men's Choir  
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service  
7:00 pm Adult Choir (following service)

**THURSDAY** 1:00 pm Bible Study @ Riverview Retirement  
NEW LOCATION @ the Riverview Retirement Community *Chapel* located at 1801 E. Upriver Drive.

**FRIDAY** Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY** 9:30 am Worship Service-POP Pantry Sunday

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