

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent



Gathering As a People of God

At PCO we strive to be a faithful, open, and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any age, ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

Preparation: “My faith teaches me that small acts by individuals can have a major impact on the lives of others, and even on my own soul. ... If individuals do something, no matter how small, it can have a major impact on others, and a cumulative effect as we seek to make this world more just.” Robert Turner, author of *Creating a Culture of Repair*, 2024.

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Prelude on *St. Flavian*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Healey Willan

Choral Introit

Your Word is a Lamp
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

Eleanor Daley

*** Call to Worship**

Zach Krawczyk, Liturgist

One: People of God, on this wilderness journey, on this path to repair and restoration, what will we eat?

All: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

One: People of God, as we seek to repair and restore those relationships and places we have harmed, how will we live?

All: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

One: People of God, at this crossroad in our lives, whom will we serve?

All: We worship the Lord our God alone.

*** Hymn #166**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days, vs. 1-4
[St. Flavian]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God's grace. Let us confess our sin.

All: Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have not been obedient to your word. We have denied your providence and care and

instead relied on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Silent prayer. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Happy are those who have repented and whose sin is forgiven. The path to repair and restoration in Jesus Christ begins with our repentance and the acknowledgement that our sins are forgiven. And the Good News is that we are a forgiven people.

All: **Thanks be to God for the new creation we are in Christ.**

One: It is as forgiven people that we share the peace of Christ with one another, fellow travelers on the path to repair and restoration. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.** *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

* Act of Praise #447

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The chords are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Zach Krawczyk, Liturgist

Steadfast God, as we devote these forty days of Lent to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready to walk a path of restoration. May the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Zach Krawczyk, Liturgist

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Parish Life for supplying our birthday cake this morning as we celebrate our February birthdays, and to Edward Ennen for taking care of the coffee and washing the dishes.

Education this Morning:

Elementary Education in Room 116

Middle School Education with Kathi Cook in Room 107

Adult Ed: Repentance and the Path to Repair and Restoration. Facilitated by Pastor Lisa in Room 108.

Next Week: March 1, 2026; Second Sunday of Lent; Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a & Psalm 121

The liturgy this morning is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1*, 2013 Westminster John Knox Press

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