

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent
Celebration of the Lord's Supper



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: “Lent is not designed to fix us. It’s a season that tells the truth about what it means to be human—finite, dependent, unfinished. It’s a season that refuses the cultural lie that everything is solvable if we just try harder, think better thoughts, or curate our lives more carefully. ... It asks us to be honest. About our exhaustion. About our fear. About the disappointments we carry quietly. About the ache we keep trying to outgrow, numb, or spiritualize away.” Rev. Kate Bowler, Lenten Reflection, February 18, 2026.

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Johann Pachelbel

*** Call to Worship**

Ben Haskel, Liturgist

One: We are called from our security and sameness, down that unknown path which leads to God's heart.

All: With trust, we place our hands in God's, and follow.

One: God beckons us out of the shadows of our fears, calling us to bring our doubts and questioning hearts along.

All: With humility, we listen to those answers we do not expect, or even understand.

One: The triune God created out of nothingness, and filled us with life.

All: With grace we are transformed into faithful disciples.

One: During this Lent season, we walk in prayer down a path of repair and restoration.

All: With the gift of the Spirit we lift our hearts in worship.

*** Hymn #684**

Faith Begins by Letting Go, vs. 1-3
[Lux Prima]

Prayer of Confession

Ben Haskel, Liturgist

One: When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow, calling us to set aside our foolish lives, for the grace-full ones which are offered to us. Let us confess how often we choose not to follow, as we pray together saying,

All: We are all too human, Faithful God, and so think we have nothing to learn from others, and thus discount ancestors in the faith. We look for answers online, convinced that we can trust whatever we find. We close tight the shutters of our souls, so the Spirit can only rattle

us, but not get in to transform our lives. Forgive us. Remind us that you keep watch of us, Promise Giver, whether it is in moments of sunshine in our lives, or in those shadowed moments of uncertainty in the night. You will always be our help, whether or not we recognize it or accept it, even as you remained faithful to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *Silence. Amen.*

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Our hope, our help, our peace, our joy? All come from God, the One who loved us, and the world so much, that Jesus came to bring us salvation.

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 treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. 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. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The chords indicated above the notes 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

Ben Haskel, Liturgist

God our helper and our protector, we trust in your Word to lead us in our lives through paths of predictability and paths whose end is unknown. So we come to your Word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

Ben Haskel, Liturgist

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Path to Repair and Restoration: Trust in God's Path

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Responding to the Word

Minute for Engagement

PCO Library

Kathi Cook

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Steps on the Path to Repair and Restoration: Action Items for the Second Week of Lent

Returning to God a Portion of What God Has Given Us

Offertory

Fantasie in D minor

Johann Krieger

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

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

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup of juice and partake as you return to your seat. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake together.

Communion Prayer

Sent Out As a People of God

*** Hymn #816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee, vs. 1-3

[Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott]

*** Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

If Thou but Trust in God
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Georg Boehm

* Please rise in body or spirit

Ushers: Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg & Keith Camann

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Mickey Martin and Shirley Rumminger for supplying snacks, to Edward Ennen for taking care of the coffee and to Gary VanKempen for washing the dishes.

Education this Morning:

Elementary Education in Room 116

Adult Ed: Resources for Public Theology and Witness. Facilitated by Brian McWilliams in Room 108.

New Member Class in Fellowship Hall.

Next Week: March 8, 2026; Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11 and Exodus 17:1-7

Guest preacher: Rev. Annemarie Groenenboom

The liturgy this morning is adapted from words by the Rev. Thom Shuman Liturgy w/communion for March 5, 2023 (Lent 2 - A). Online at <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2023/02/liturgy-wcommunion-for-march-5-2023.html>

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