



Sunday Worship
March 10, 2024
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

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PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's light is awesome!

It pours rays of comfort and hope onto this dark world!

Come, dance and rejoice in the light!

Lord, let your light flood into our hearts and spirits!

Come, let us celebrate!

Let us bring our praise to God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, as we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ's name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

***HYMN #192** Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me. Shine on me. *Refrain*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me. *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn't enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you.

Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

SPECIAL MUSIC

Savior, Lord a Shepherd Lead Us
Bell Choir, accompanied by Sue Lewis organist

John Purifoy

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #137** He Came Down

1. He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

2. ...that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.

3. ...that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.

4. ...that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 3:14-21

SERMON Leave the Light On

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

As we have been gathered in this place because of the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, so we pray that the gifts we offer in these moments might be used to reach out to those in all corners of the world who need hope, who hunger for food and justice, who yearn for peace, and who long for your graceful presence in their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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 #377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

REFRAIN: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *REFRAIN*

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *REFRAIN*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MARCH 10, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Watson F. Rockafellow. Watson lived down the road in Forest Grove and was the father of Earl and Ted Rockafellow.

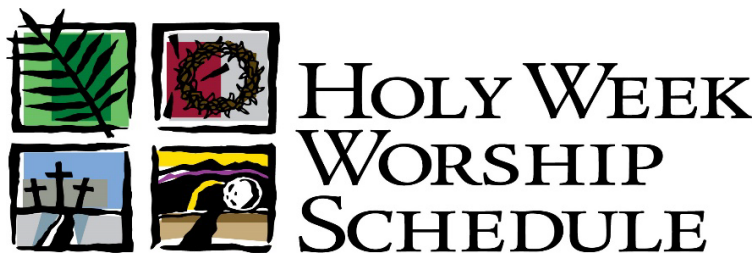
TODAY WE RECOGNIZE BRIELLE GUARRACINO: Last Spring Brielle achieved the milestone of High School graduation and moved forward toward her college education. As she was unavailable at that time, we are taking time to recognize her accomplishment and wish her God's blessing as she continues her education at Bloomsburg University.

EASTER FLOWERS: As you leave today, you will find forms to purchase an Easter Flower for our sanctuary. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Coins will be collected throughout the weeks leading up to Easter when we will take the final offering. At that time, additional donations other than coins will also be received. Fish boxes and jars are available on the table outside the sanctuary for those who wish to collect coins.

EASTER JOY CHOIR: Join us today following service where we will practice to sing for Easter Sunday! Rehearsals will be held the 3 Sundays prior to Easter (March 10, 17, and 24) after church for half an hour! Please plan to join us!

SIGN UP FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Once again we will be combining the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with a service on Friday, March 29 beginning at 6:00. We begin by observing Jesus' final meal with his disciples with our own meager meal of soup and bread. Help us to know how many to expect by signing up for this sacred observance in Fellowship Hall. After the meal, we will move to the sanctuary as we remember Jesus sacrifice on the cross.



March 24:	10:00 AM	Palm Sunday worship.
March 27:	11:30 AM	Midweek Communion
March 29:	6:00 PM	Good Friday Worship.
March 31:	9:00 AM	Easter Potluck Breakfast
	10:00 AM	Easter Festival Worship
	11:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt

SIGN UP FOR EASTER BREAKFAST: Put on your Easter Bonnet and join us for a Potluck Breakfast at 9:00 Easter Sunday. It is a great way to begin the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and new life offered to each of us – that's the best reason to celebrate!!! Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS will be held once again at Anchor Presbyterian Church on June 24-28, 9:00 – noon. Registration for those ages 4 yrs. – 6th grade can be made on <https://www.myvbs.org/Forestgrove/>. Teen helpers (7th – 12 grade) as well as adult leaders are needed. Please contact Pastor Su if you would like to help.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Paper towels, toilet paper or cleaning supplies. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

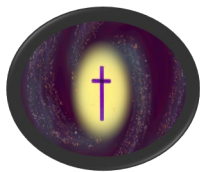
- March 10** 10:00 am Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship
11:00 am Easter Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
6:30 pm Youth Group
- March 11** 9:30 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
- March 12** 9:00 am Christian Education Meeting
10:00 am Garden Club
10:00 am Worship and Music Meeting
6:00 pm Beekeepers
- March 13** 11:30 am Lenten Mid-week Communion Service
12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
6:00 pm Beekeepers

Elder of the month: Maggie Rash
Ushers: Bill and Liam Hyndman

Deacon of the month: Louise Stemplewicz
Sunday School Teachers: Karen Myers

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Becky Schroeder,
Wes Schroeder, Eloise Hyndman, Don Huber, David Posnett, Dick Wright. Sharon Ruth



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