



Murray Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2025 10am Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

Ringing of the Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

People: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

Leader: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

People: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

Leader: In this time of reflection and repentance,

People: We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.

--Gill Le Fevre

*Prayer of Approach:

From Bethlehem to Nazareth

from Jordan to Jericho,

from Bethany to Jerusalem,

from then to now,

come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick,

to mend the brokenhearted,

to comfort the disturbed,

to disturb the comfortable,

to cleanse the temple,

to liberate faith from convention,

come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross,

to lead the way,

to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,
come, Lord Jesus.

Today,
to this place
to us,
come, Lord Jesus. Amen

*Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (WC 213)

Prayer of Confession:

Holy Christ, we come to You knowing that we have fallen away from Your intentions for us. We have followed the paths of greed and envy, turned away from our brothers and sisters in need in order to satisfy our own desires. You gave Your life for us, and yet we are willing to give so little at times. Forgive us for not understanding that You laid down Your life for us. Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love, to live for others instead of ourselves. Call us back, to repent, and return to the kingdom of God. In Your precious Name we pray. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response: "Lamb of Glory" (Hymnal for Worship and Celebration, 197)

Scripture: Mark 11:15-18

Sermon: "Economic Self-Interest (Chief Priests)"
(CSI Jerusalem: Who Killed Jesus?, pt 3)

*Hymn: "I Surrender All" (WC 579)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "And Can it Be That I Should Gain" (WC 473)

*Benediction and Benediction Response

*Please Stand if Able

WC: Worshipping Church Hymnal (found on seat) PH: Presbyterian Hymnal (found in pew rack)

Announcements

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Come with us this Wednesday evening as noted Bible teacher Ray Vander Laan takes us to the Fortress of Machaerus, traditional site of John the Baptist's imprisonment and execution, and invites us to reflect on how he prepared people for the coming of the Messiah and pointed them to Jesus. This video-based Bible study continues for the next four weeks (up until April 9), and each week takes us to a different location in Israel as we journey with Jesus on the path to the Cross. A light meal of soup and bread is available starting at 6:30 pm, followed by the video and discussion at 7:00 pm. Join us as you are able! (You do not have to attend every session to benefit from the series.)

Highway Litter Clean-up

The next litter clean-up along our section of Highway 1 will take place on Sunday, April 6. Meet at Conestoga High School at 2:00 pm.

Pastor Study Leave

Pastor McConnell will be on study leave Monday through Thursday of this week. He will be attending the national gathering of The Fellowship Community at First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL. (See <https://www.fellowship.community/national-gathering> or follow the updates--probably posted daily--on The Fellowship Community Facebook page.) In his absence, Elder Sharlyn Deterding will be the on-call session member to handle pastoral care needs.

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