

Grace Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2026

Lent 4

9:30 am

Welcome /VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,
beliefs,
and those who are cognitively
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,
**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



"I was blind, and now I can see."

Prayer Candles

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

We Gather

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

The Lord is my Shepherd

I shall not want

I seek the grace of God

and my cup runneth over

I seek the will of God

and my cup runneth over

I seek the strength of God

and my cup runneth over

How generous is God's love

so much the world cannot contain it

The Lord is my Shepherd

and I lack nothing

~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws.

*Hymn #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Call to Confession

Let us come to God with humble and open hearts,
trusting God's love to heal and redeem us...

Prayer of Confession

Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness.

***Being so sure that we "see,"
we miss the truths you would teach us.
With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness.
Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,
our own failures and our own faults.
Make our "shadow side" known to us
and help us to diminish it
with the light of your grace.
For it is only when we see ourselves clearly
that we can worship you truly.
In the name of Jesus, we pray.***

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

~ from Sharing the Light: Service Prayers and Holy Communion for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, written by The Rev. Marilyn Kennedy Levine.

Words of Assurance

Hear the Good news;
Once you were lost and now you are found.
Once you were blind but now you see.
For Jesus came not to judge but to heal and save.
Thanks be to God. Amen

Hymn #439 "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"
(Please stay seated and sing vs. 1-2)

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

Jesus Christ you are the light of the world
May we have eyes to see you
And ears to hear you
Come into our lives to heal and renew us today.
Amen

Reading for the Gospel of John 9:1-23

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of John 9:24-41

SERMON

*Hymn #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving,

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent

*Hymn #649 "Amazing Grace"

*Charge and Benediction

May God,
who comes to us
in the things of this world,
**bless your eyes
and be in your seeing.**

May Christ,
who looks upon you
with deepest love,
**bless your eyes
and widen your gaze.**

May the Spirit,
who perceives what is
and what may yet be,
**bless your eyes
and sharpen your vision.**

May the Sacred Three
bless your eyes
and cause you to see.

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

POSTLUDE

***Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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