



**Join us every Sunday:**

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 11:00am

**All are Welcome!**

You can also join our live-streamed service on Youtube.com!

**Upcoming Events**

February 18th-Ash Wednesday Service-6pm

February 20th-Spiritual Development Study-Via Zoom-2pm

February 24th-Spiritual Development Study-6:30pm-In-Person

February 27th-Spiritual Development Study-Via Zoom-2pm

**Tuesday Morning Devotional Group**

The Morning Devotional Group meets every Tuesday at 9:00am on Zoom. To join the group, contact Sharon or Bob Perkinson at [perkinshar@yahoo.com](mailto:perkinshar@yahoo.com) or [perkinbob@yahoo.com](mailto:perkinbob@yahoo.com).

**REMINDER**

If you have an addition for the March Newsletter, please have it to the church office by Wednesday, February 25th, at 2pm. Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin are due to the church office on Thursdays by 1pm.

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*God's Children, daily sent on Christ's mission of love and grace*

*A Message from the Pastor*  
*February 2026*

We are one month into the new year. This month, we prepare for something amazing – the start of Lent, when we recognize all that Jesus faced in order to demonstrate God’s desire to be in relationship with us.

After Jesus was baptized, He immediately went into the wilderness to be tempted for 40 days. During Lent, we draw ourselves alongside our Lord and Savior, recognizing how difficult circumstances (like fasting in the desert) can bring about growth and resilience.

This year, rather than physical fasting (which most Presbyterians don’t actually engage in anyway), let us fast from some of the things that pull us away from God. Let us fast from the ‘works of the flesh’ (Galatians 5:19-21):

- ◆ Immorality – Do what is right and just.
- ◆ Impurity – Confess and forgive mistakes
- ◆ Idolatry – Follow God.
- ◆ Hatred – Be filled with love.
- ◆ Discord – Communicate openly and work together
- ◆ Jealousy – Celebrate one another’s achievements
- ◆ Fits of rage – Hold one another accountable
- ◆ Selfish ambition – Embrace Integrity
- ◆ Dissension – Build trust in community

By doing these things, our focus shifts from pursuing the things of this world to following the path laid out before us by God. The pull that fear has on us becomes weaker, and our faith increases...so much so, that we may just realize that we can move mountains (not alone, but together – with God’s help).

Blessings,  
Pastor Victoria

## Upcoming Meetings

February 11-Worship Committee Meeting-5pm  
February 15-Mission Outreach Committee-following church service  
February 17-Stewardship/Finance Committee-6:30pm  
February 19 -Session-6:30pm  
February 22-Property and Personnel Committee Meeting-following church service

## Sermon Titles and Scripture Readings for February

February 1-Communion-Hold One Another Accountable-  
Jonah 1:1-17, Matthew 25:14-30  
February 8-Confess and Forgive Mistakes-Isaiah 1:16-20, 1 John 1:5-10  
February 15-Follow God-Genesis 6:11-22, Luke 6:46-49  
February 18-Ashes and Sack Cloth-Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
February 22-Why Fast?-Esther 4:1-4, 13-16, Matthew 4:1-11

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for our members and others for whom prayer is requested:

Lois Mustard, Chuck Denham, Carole Dodson, Ken Valko, Greg Testerman, Suzanne Compton, Sarah Murphy, and Tokita Webb

Nikki Stover, Jim Gobrecht, John Houston, Claire Lampert, Stephanie Misak, Family & Friends of Leonard “Lenny” Chamberland, Ken Murphy, Rev. Dan Webb, Lynn Hill, Jady Sposto, Judie Marcum, Lona Mayhorn, Ed Pettit & Family, Karen Holbrook Knauer, Chelsea England, Chuck Cline, Antoine & Marie Goffin, Bella Ward, Amelia Krebs, Julianne Kiser, Carolyn Ratcliffe, Ellie Spencer & Family, Donna Baugh, Asher Graham Denham, Pat Mitchell, Jean Fitzko Roatsey, Ali Feuchtenberger Miller, Ashby Wright, Dawn Graham, Donna Thompson-Whitehead, Carter Wells, Steve Hopta, Ken Jenkins, Rosa Lee Gay, Brenda Jenkins, Marlene Smith, John Goins, Marty Howard, Eddie Kirk, Danny Brewer, Ralph John, Janice Raines, Nell Bath, Lauren Hicks, Louis Scott, and Oleksiy Hodonavets