

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 9, 2025**

**Prelude: “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley” (spiritual, arr. Leonard)**

**Hymn: “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” #328**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**Welcome of All & Call to Worship**

**WE PRAISE GOD**

**\*Opening Hymn: “The God of Abraham Praise” ..... #116**

**\*Opening Prayer**

God of Love and Strength, in the wilderness of temptation, Christ stood firm in Your truth. In a world that distorts and deceives, remind us of who we are—beloved, cherished, and called by You. When doubt and fear whisper otherwise, anchor us in Your love. May this time of worship renew our trust in Your presence and purpose. Amen.

**\*Hymn: “Gloria, Gloria” ..... #72**

Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!  
Gloria! Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

**\*Greeting One Another with the Sign of Peace**

Leader: Peace be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ with great joy.

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture: Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13**

**Hymn: “Seek Ye First” ..... #405**

Verse 1 only

**Today’s Message**

**WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY**

**Joys and Concerns**

You may end your prayer with “This is my prayer.”  
We all respond with “This is our prayer.”

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father-Mother, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**WE CELEBRATE TITHING & OFFERING**

**Offertory Hymn: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (Lemmer, arr. Leonard)**

**\*Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” ...#95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, ye creatures here below,  
Praise God, ye hosts in heaven above,  
Praise God, the Trinity of Love. Amen.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

God of Abundance and Grace, in Christ, You remind us that our true identity is found in Your love. Freed from fear and striving, we open our hearts to the cries of those in need. As we offer these gifts, shape us into people of generosity and justice, that we may reflect Your love in a world longing for hope. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” ..... #127**

**\*Benediction**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates “standing” if you are able to do so.*

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**Coffee hour** follows the service. Please join us downstairs in Barber Hall to share refreshments & fellowship.

**ST PAUL'S METHODIST FAITH COMMUNITY**

**Ministers:** Each & every one of you

**Greeter:** Louise C.

**Musician:** David M.

**Sunday School Team:** Melissa B. & Louise C.

**Bell Ringer:** Dave B.

**Liturgist:** Bob G.

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Jaegil Lee

**Lay Leader:** Linda S.

**Office Team:** Louise C., Joe R., & Veronique R.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please see the Announcements insert.

**Have an announcement? Or an update? Or a correction?**

Email us at [stpauls@stpaulsnewport.net](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsnewport.net). Please include complete information: what, where, when, who, and how.

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Healing grows

Love blooms

St. Paul's Methodist Faith Community

The word is  
near you;  
it is in your  
mouth  
and in your  
heart

Romans 10:8 NIV



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**Welcome to St. Paul's**

We hope worship is fulfilling for you today.

Please join us for refreshments in Barber Hall after the service. Barber Hall is on the first floor directly beneath the sanctuary.

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 9, 2025

- **Next week's Soup's On community meal:** Tue, Mar 11.  
Preparations begin at 2 pm. The greatest need is 5 to 6:30 pm.  
Speak with Joe if you'd like to volunteer to set up, prepare food, serve, clean up, or bring a dessert. Even a 20-minute shift is a help.
- **4-week Medical Medium Healing Group:** Meets Wed at 11:00 am on Mar 19 & 26 and Apr 2 & 9 in the pastor's office and remotely on Zoom. Led by Jaegil.
- **God's Community Garden:** At Calvary UMC in Middletown.  
Volunteers needed year-round between 9 am & 2 pm on Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri each week. 2 hr shifts typical; 1 hr also appreciated.  
Duties include planting, weeding, picking & packing vegetables.  
Training provided. Speak with Judi S. Read about the garden here: [godscommunitygarden.com](http://godscommunitygarden.com)
- **This month's Leadership meeting:** Meets Mon, Mar 17 at 7 pm remotely on Zoom.
- **Bi-monthly mission collection:** No collection in Mar; next is in Apr. Recipient to be announced as we get closer to the end of the month. Thank you to everyone who donated to Newport Housing Hotline in Feb!
- **Meditation group:** Meets Wed 5:30 to 6:20 pm in Barber Hall.
- **Drumming circle:** Meets Wed 6:30 to 8 pm in Barber Hall. No experience necessary. We provide the drums.
- **Spiritual transformation group:** Meets Thu 6:15 to 7:45 pm in the Thompson Rm (2<sup>nd</sup> fl) and remotely on Zoom.\*
- **St. Paul's new email address:** To email the church, please send to [stpauls@stpaulsnewport.net](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsnewport.net) .
- **\*Zoom link for Jaegil's small groups:** The link is the same for all his groups and is on the Events page of our website.
- **Safe Sanctuary Policies:** Copies of our policies are located in Barber Hall and the church office.