

## Wycliffe Presbyterian Church

**WELCOME** - To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and seek fellowship - welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Office Phone:** 757-496-2620

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wycliffe is following Christ to renew our church & the community.

Join in this mission through worship, by connecting with others, by contributing your talents and resources in service to others, and through cultivating your spiritual and emotional health.

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# Intervention

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February 25, 2018 ~ Second Sunday in Lent  
Rev. Garrett Bugg, pastor

Preparation for Worship: "I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark." (John 12:46)

### **Welcome & Announcements**

(please sign & pass the red Friendship pad)

### **A PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

### **A Covenant with Abraham** (Genesis 17 / Romans 4; all read the bold)

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to him and said,  
"I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless, and I will make a covenant with you."

Abram fell on his face and God said, "This is my covenant with you:  
you shall be the ancestor of great nations, and your name shall be Abraham;  
for I will make you the ancestor of a multitude of nations; kings shall come from you,  
and I will establish my covenant with your offspring throughout all generations  
for an everlasting covenant.

As for Sarai, your wife, you shall now call her Sarah,  
and I will bless her and she shall give rise to the nations.

### **Abraham had faith in the promise that he would inherit the world.**

Hoping against hope, he believed he would become "the father of many nations."  
He didn't weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead,  
or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah.

**He grew strong in faith as he gave glory to God,  
fully convinced that God was able to do  
what he had promised.**

\*HYMN 838 "Standing on the Promises"

\*Share the Peace of Christ  
Children's time with the Pastor

**A TIME OF CONFESSION** (all read the bold)



Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing,  
and we are caretakers of creation, **We need you, God.**

Because human knowledge seems endless, the world is our oyster  
and we do not know what we do not know, **We need you, God.**

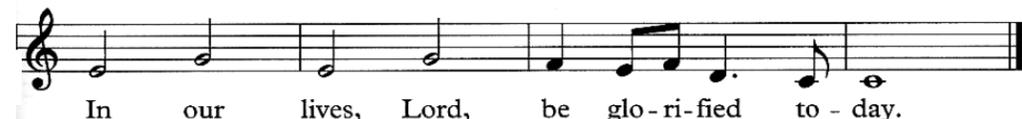
Because we can live without you and are free to go against you  
and could worship our own wisdom alone, **We need you, God.**

Because you came among us and sat beside us and heard us speak  
and saw us ignore you and healed our pain and let us wound you  
and still love us to the end and triumph over all our hatred,  
**We need you, God. Forgive us when we forget.** (silent confessions)

**THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE & PARDON** . . . and all say: **Thanks be to God.**



All sing 1. In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.



2. In our homes, Lord . . . 3. In your world, Lord . . .

**Hear these words from Psalm 22** (23-31, NIV)

I will proclaim God’s name to my brothers and sisters and praise him among the assembled people.  
Honor him, all you descendants of Abraham! For God has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy.  
He hasn’t turned his back on them, but listens to their cries for help.

I will praise God and fulfill my vows in the presence of all who worship him. The poor will eat and be satisfied.  
Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy, and the whole earth will acknowledge the Lord.  
Bow before him, all whose lives will end as dust. Our children will also serve him and  
future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.

Proclamation in Song “God of Great and God of Small” N. Sleeth  
“Women Sing!”

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all. God of weak and God of strong,  
God to whom all things belong, Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name! . . .

Scripture - Mark 8:31-38  
**THE WORD OF GOD IS OPENED TO US**  
Rev. Garrett Bugg



**HYMN 442 “Just As I Am”** (remain seated)

**PREPARATION FOR PRAYER** ~ (all read the bold)

Because God is good, and has intended us to share that goodness,  
we open ourselves to his intervention, to nothing less than transformation,  
and pray - **Come quickly to us.**

Because You are the Word behind all words, the calm at the core of the storm,  
the energy that sustains creation - **Come quickly to us.**

Because You are present in the pain behind the tears, the laughter in the eyes,  
the yearning in the heart - **Come quickly to us.**

Open us up, Lord, we whose lives are locked, whose thoughts are well-rehearsed,  
whose prayers are predictable - **Come quickly to us.**

Open us to depths we’ve not explored, truths we have avoided,  
paths we haven’t followed, beauty we have yet to admire; - **Come quickly to us.**

Intervene in our lives, open us up to Jesus,  
in whom all things are held together for our good - **Come quickly to us.**

**THE PASTOR’S PRAYER**

followed by **The Lord’s Prayer** (p.35-hymnal)

The Offering is received

\***THE DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\***WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH** (all read the bold, standing)

People of God, in whom do you believe?

**We believe in God, maker of all things,**  
provider of all things, who loves all people.

**We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us;**  
he sees us for who we are, intervenes in our suffering  
and heals the wounds of our hearts to make us new,  
In his death and resurrection, we see the deepest truth of life.

**We live by the power of the Holy Spirit as the body of Christ,**  
in the reality of his resurrection  
and the light of life eternal.

\***HYMN 726 “Will You Come”**

\***The Benediction**

Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee & conversation!  
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)

