



ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 15, 2026

*Indicates times when those who are able may stand.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: Janet Mullins | Carol Lehman

MUSIC FOR GATHERING | Playlist by Tech Team

WELCOME | Bob Rambo

***OPENING SONG** | “Come Away From Rush and Hurry”

***WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED** | Janet Mullins

People of Starkville GMC: In whom do you trust and in whom do you believe?

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.*

*The third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from which He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

***GLORIA PATRI**

TIME FOR CHILDREN | Genny Prewitt

COMMUNITY NEWS & GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS | Janet Mullins

SONG OF PRAISE | “Thy Word”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD | Deuteronomy 5:1-10 | J Nelson

Moses called all the people of Israel together and said... 2 “The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Mount Sinai. 3 The Lord did not make this covenant with our ancestors, but with all of us who are alive today.... He spoke to me, and I passed his words on to you.

This is what he said: 6 “I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. 7 “You must not have any other god but me. 8 “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind, or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 9 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected – even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. 10 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

WE SEEK GOD IN PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER | J Nelson

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & PRAYER OF THANKS | Carol Lehman

OFFERTORY | “Carry Him Sweetly” | Adult Choir

***THE SPOKEN WORD | SERIES – “Close Encounters of the Jesus Kind”**

TEXT | JOHN 5:1-10, 16-17 (Jesus and the Paralyzed Man)

1 Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. 2 Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. 3 Crowds of sick people – blind, lame, or paralyzed – lay on the porches. 5 One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

7 “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.” 8 Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”

9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, 10 so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!”

16 So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules. 17 But Jesus replied, “My Father is always working, and so am I.”

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***CLOSING SONG & THE INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS | “O Praise the Name”**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION | “Grace Love and Fellowship”**

***SENDING FORTH | Pastor**

Members of our Prayer Ministry Team will be at the rear of the church for a few moments, and are available to pray with you and for you.

***MUSIC FOR DEPARTING | Playlist from Tech Team**

