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# SPRING VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 15, 2026 WORSHIP SERVICE BULLETINS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF SINNERS SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST AND INSPIRED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE SEEK TO GLORIFY GOD, NURTURE ONE ANOTHER AND EXPRESS THE LOVE OF GOD IN WORD AND DEED.

In March & April we are supporting EMS Closet, a local ministry serving children in Richland Districts 1 & 2. We are collecting donations of new socks and underwear (sizes 4T through adult XL) for these children. Please donate to the baskets in the Atrium.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

## BOOK CLUB

**TODAY AT 3PM  
IN THE ATRIUM**

*"The Correspondent"*  
by Virginia Evans



## Grief & Share<sup>®</sup>

**Wednesdays February 25 - March 25  
5:15PM-6:15PM in Crossroads**

*Join us and find a space where people will listen, without judgment, and share helpful insights and advice on how to journey through grief.*



Add to the beauty of the season and honor a loved one by dedicating an Easter Lily.

Fill out your dedication(s) at the QR Code below:



Lilies will be added to our Lily Tree with a dedication in the Easter bulletin. Lilies can be taken home after Easter services. You can plant your lily in the garden and it will come up every year!

Pay here by choosing the "Poinsettia/Easter Lilies" fund:

\$20 per lily



Traditional Service at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

*This service is being livestreamed.*

**ASSEMBLING IN GOD’S NAME**

PRELUDE

“JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL”

ARR. HEATHER SORENSON

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIAN CLARK

INTROIT

“I WONDER AS I WANDER”

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

**People: Our soul thirsts for the living God. When can I go to meet with God?**

**ALL: I will come into His presence and bring an offering of myself before Him.**

\* HYMN 476 ..... “O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE!”

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

BRIAN CLARK

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

BRIAN CLARK

***When we hear of wars and rumors of war; when we hear of tragedy and sadness; when we are distracted by the busy-ness of life; we often lose our focus on you, Lord. Forgive us when we forget you. We know so much temporary trivia. Forgive us when we do not seek you, thirst for you, long for you, or love you with all our hearts, soul, minds, and strength. Keep us from being spectators of your work, strengthen us to be participants with you in your mission.***

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BRIAN CLARK

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far has He forgiven us of our sins.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven - thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE

“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

HYMNAL, No. 322

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, FALL AFRESH ON ME;

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, FALL AFRESH ON ME.

MELT ME, MOLD ME, FILL ME, USE ME.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, FALL AFRESH ON ME

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“THEN SINGS MY SOUL”

**MARILYN DILLON, SOPRANO; WANDA SCOGGINS 2ND SOPRANO; PATTI STONE, ALTO**

O LORD MY GOD, WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER CONSIDER ALL THE WORLDS THY HANDS HAVE MADE, I SEE THE STARS, I HEAR THE ROLLING THUNDER, THY POW’R THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE DISPLAYED! THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE; HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART! THEN SING MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE; HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART! WHEN THROUGH THE WOODS AND FOREST GLADES I WANDER AND HEAR THE BIRDS SING SWEETLY IN THE TREES; WHEN I LOOK DOWN FROM LOFTY MOUNTAIN GRANDEUR, AND HEAR THE BROOK AND FEEL THE GENTLE BREEZE: HOW GREAT THOU ART! HOW GREAT THOU ART! AND WHEN I THINK THAT GOD, HIS SON NOT SPARING SENT HIM TO DIE, I SCARCE CAN TAKE IT IN. THAT ON THE CROSS MY BURDEN GLADLY BEARING, HE BLED AND DIED TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN! WHEN CHRIST SHALL COME WITH SHOUT OF ACCLAMATION AND TAKE ME HOME, WHAT JOY SHALL FILL MY HEART! THEN I SHALL BOW IN HUMBLE ADORATION AND THERE PROCLAIM, MY GOD, HOW GREAT THOU ART!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 16:8-11; 42:1,2

PG. 496 & 515, PG. 469 & 487

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14

PG. 198, PG. 187

SERMON

"FIXING OUR EYES ON THE GOAL"

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* APOSTLES' CREED ..... HYMNAL, PG 14

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen,***

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"SOLACE"

BRUCE GREER

\* DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL, No. 592

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN 101..... "WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

***May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face, may the rain fall softly on your fields; and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.***

POSTLUDE

"HEAVEN CAME DOWN"

ARR. JOHN PETERSON

*Our time of worship ends and our service to others begins.*



*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the Sunday Compass/Chosen group in memory of Stevie Johnson's son & BJ Slovacek's grandson, Christopher Lee Johnson (October 14, 1991 - March 1, 2026).*

**Revelations Service @ 8:30AM in Potts Hall**  
*The worship service is being livestreamed.*

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Welcome

Invocation

"Hallelujah, Your Love Is Amazing"

"Your Love, Oh Lord"

Children's Time

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Old Testament: Psalm 16:8-11; 42:1,2

New Testament: Philippians 3:7-14

Sermon: "Fixing Our Eyes on the Goal" | Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

Greet Your Neighbor

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

"Our God Is Greater"

Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Lift Up Our Concerns

Share Our Gifts | "Jesus, Friend of Sinners"

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

Benediction | Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

"Joyful Noise"

**PRAYER LIST**

*SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS AT [WWW.SVPC.ORG](http://WWW.SVPC.ORG).  
WE REMOVE NAMES AFTER FOUR WEEKS UNLESS REQUESTED.*

**Members:** Stevie Johnson, BJ Slovacek, Caroline Bower, Fran Taylor, Mike Causey, Pete Griffin, Ann Perry, AJ Kilgore, Joanne Abercrombie, Dale Frieden-Bell, Pat Alexander.

**Non-Members:** Jim Martin (Carol Beaty's brother), Caleb Maguire (friend of Laura Griese & many members), Grover Corwin (Ann & Kirk Humphries' brother-in-law), Marcia Durrell (Chip & Pam Drant's friend), Carolyn Caughman (Linda Olsen & Laura Griese's friend), Audrey Hall (Brian Hall's mother), Alice Chilton, Kenny Johnson (YMCA friend of the Drants), Caroline Peek (Michele Dunbar's daughter, Wendy Sherman's sister), Harry Mashburn (Linda Griffin's brother), Lynn van Dijk, Leila Evans, Children receiving treatment at Prisma Children's Hospital cancer ward & their families, Port Loyola & West Street Baptist Churches.

For **EMERGENCY** purposes, a defibrillator (in a red case) is available for trained CPR users on the cabinet outside of the pastor's office, as well as one mounted in a white cabinet on the wall outside of the Outreach Room.



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