



The Protestant Community Church

“Cathedral of the Woods”

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An inclusive, ecumenical faith community purposefully seeking to be caring, faithful disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, prayer, and Christian service.

10:00 - February 22, 2026 - First Sunday in Lent †

Welcome & Announcements

Members, friends, and guests are invited to sign the pew pad found at the end of the pew. We also invite you to share any joys or concerns, noting them on the prayer cards which will be collected during the offering.

Prelude

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Peterson

Introit

“My Lord What a Morning”

Eithun

Call to Worship

(Liturgist/Congregation)

The good news of the gospel is:

manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.

The good news of the gospel is:

release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.

So come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising good news is here for you.

Let us worship this good-news God.

Meditation

*Hymn

“Come, thou Almighty King”

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Prayer of confession

Loving God, we grew up believing that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious. We have to pray without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door. But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant. And all of a sudden, we wonder: Is it OK to be like a mustard seed? Can we be faithful and unruly? Can we be playful and curious? Can we be messy and still be yours? We know the answer already. The Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of course. Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace. With faith like a mustard seed, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance

***Gloria Patri #705**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be...world without end. Amen.

Anthem

“Do Lord”

Ingram

Children's Message

Sunday School Dismissal

Parents are to pick up their children following the worship service, upstairs in the Todd Building, and are welcome to join the children in the closing time of meditation.

Passing of the Peace

First Reading

Matthew 13:31-32

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

Anthem

“Home”

H. Sorrenson

Second Reading

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding

twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

“The Good News Catches Us by Surprise” Rev Keith Reed

*Presentation of Gifts and Doxology #706

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

***Benediction**

*Response “Sevenfold Amen”

Postlude “Postlude Fantasia” Thygerson

*The congregation may stand

[Music by: Organist - Sandy Ritter; Cathedral Choir Director - Katie Teall]

† PRAYERS OF CONCERN †

Those placed on the prayer list will remain on the list for one month unless specified otherwise. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please secure permission prior to calling the church office or emailing in to kayla@protestantcommunitychurch.org

Adam	Tricia Irwin	Robey family
Ann	Kara	Smalfus family
Steven Barnes	Klausner family	Bill Steffan
Barnett family	Koontz family	Barbara Stuart
Lorrie Breslin	Sally Lavallee	Susan
Chamberlain Family	Lester	JoAnn Tate
Chris	Douglas Mathis	Ed Tucker
Carole Cutry	Floss Mikle	Paul Vahlstrom
Lydia Gibson	Patrick	Vinnie
Andria Gross & family	Angie Pettis	
Evelyn Herzog	Rese Ritter	

Please remember in your prayers those serving in our military services and their families. Please pray for the families separated, recovering from disasters, or faced with life altering decisions, and pray for peace, hope, and healing in the world. ❤

VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Ushers: Lynda Miller & Lee Bealuk **Reader:** Toni Frary
Fellowship Hour Host: Toni Frary & Walt Roecker

❖ ALTAR FLOWERS ❖

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my loving parents, Edith and Howard Atwell given by their daughter, Gwen.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - 2/15/26

8:00 Worship Service - 20
10:00 Worship Service - 102
Online - 14

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

Please use the link below or the QR code if you would like to send an offering electronically:

www.zeffy.com/donation-form/protestant-community-church

