

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 15, 2026

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

CHIMES

(As one body, let us now pause in silence to focus on worship)

PRELUDE

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Alec Wyton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” Edward Caswall/John B. Dykes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

People: We hear the call, and we gather in hope.

Leader: The fields of the world are ripe with need—people longing for compassion, justice, and healing.

People: We come to worship the One who calls us into the harvest.

Leader: God invites us to be co-laborers in the work of love.

People: We bring our hearts, our hands, and our willingness to serve.

Leader: Not by our strength alone, but by the Spirit at work within us.

People: Together we join in the labor of love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calls, equips, and sends us.

People: With gratitude and courage, we offer ourselves to God.

*HYMN

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

No. 182

CALL TO RENEWAL

Marianne Baird

And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose Image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that Image as we make our confession before God and each other.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (IN UNISON)

Marianne Baird

Loving and Life-Giving Spirit, You have called us into the great work of your kingdom. The harvest is plentiful, and the needs of the world are many. Yet we confess that we often grow weary. We hesitate to step into the field. We sometimes forget that we are not working alone.

Renew us in this moment. Remind us that we are co-laborers with you, participants in your work of healing and hope. Plant within us a deeper compassion, a steadier faith, and a love willing to labor for the sake of others. Strengthen our hands for service, open our hearts to our neighbors, and guide our steps in the path of Christ. So that together we may share in the sacred labor of love, until your peace and justice flourish throughout the world. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

Marianne Baird

As far as the east is from the west, so have our sins been separated from us. They have been thrown into the sea of forgetfulness, and there, they are remembered no more.

Our thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

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 and amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.** (Pass the peace of Christ.)

OFFERTORY

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Robert Edward Smith

*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 LISTEN FOR CHRIST'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:35-38; I Corinthians 3:9; I Thessalonians 1:1-3

RESPONSE

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Ps. 19:14)
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“A Labor of Love”

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

ANTHEM

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

African American Spiritual,
arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

ORDINATION /INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

*HYMN

“Blessing and Honor”

No. 369

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

CHORAL BENEDICTION “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

Jeremiah E. Rankin/
William G. Tomer

POSTLUDE

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Wolfgang Lampert

*Please stand if able

SERVING TODAY

Ushers – Cindy Griffin & Debbie Speeches

Liturgist – Marianne Baird

Coffee Hour – Gary Kagawa

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Those affected by natural disasters and ongoing wars; Peter C. Jackson; Blanca Campbell and Jim Nina; Jill Tuttle Albiani; Jackie Tuttle; Barry and Benetta Taylor; Rev. John Moore; Jim Preston; Kathy Zarchin; Teri Brennan; Barbara Preston; Albert Cyr; Sharon Gibbs; For the peace and comfort for the family and friends of Carol Hallman Taplin, Andrew Ogar, Paul Surerus, and Linda Bonaccorso

We will gladly list names of any individuals in need of prayer. You may share names by turning in a note from the pew or by emailing the church office prior to Thursday a.m.

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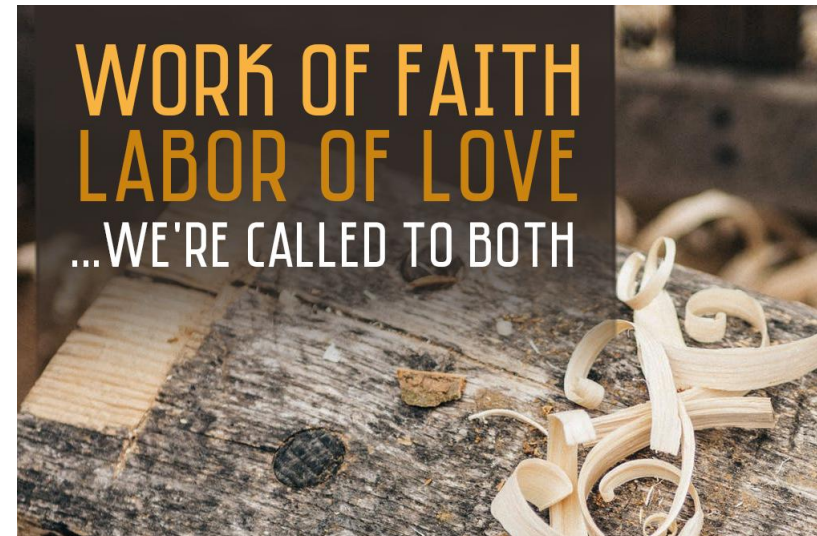
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Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent



<p>Session Team - Church Elders Class of 2025: Laurie Fanelli Class of 2026: Heather Reylek/ Laura Nelsen/ Pamela Jackson Class of 2027: Marty Kappauf / Gary Kagawa / Ellen Gove</p> <p>Deacons Team Class of 2025: Marianne Baird/ Alison Binder/ Sharon Donno/ Lynn Thomson Class of 2026: Roswitha Wissemann/ Brenda Bergman Class of 2027: Dana Hallman / Katherine Roberts / Colleen Smith</p> <p>Congregational Nominating Team Class of 2025: Heather Reylek / Lynn Thomson / Cindy Griffin / Lynne Weikart</p>	<p><u>This Week</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mar. 16th</td> <td>Nutrition Program</td> <td>7:00-1:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Session Meeting</td> <td>5:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 17th</td> <td>Food Pantry</td> <td>4:00-6:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 18th</td> <td>Meals on Wheels</td> <td>7:00-11:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 19th</td> <td>Bible Study</td> <td>10:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 20th</td> <td>Nutrition Program</td> <td>7:00-1:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Food Pantry</td> <td>10:00-1:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 21st</td> <td>Friends of Music Concert</td> <td>3:00</td> </tr> </table>	Mar. 16 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00		Session Meeting	5:00	Mar. 17 th	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00	Mar. 18 th	Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00	Mar. 19 th	Bible Study	10:00	Mar. 20 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00		Food Pantry	10:00-1:00	Mar. 21 st	Friends of Music Concert	3:00
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“We envision the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church as a spiritual heart of our small island community –a congregation that keeps its doors open to all and offers service and support to friends, neighbors, and visitors from beyond our shores. We will encourage the spiritual growth of our church's people in Jesus Christ through worship, service to others, stewardship, study and fellowship with one another. We will work to increase our spiritual engagement with youth, young families and our growing senior population. Inspired by God's Word, we look forward to our future with faith and confidence in God's purpose for us. AS WE BELIEVE, SO WE DO.”

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