

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer (*using "sins" & "those who sin against us"*)  
**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion (*Please come forward to be served.*)

Prayer after Communion

**Sending**

\* Hymn, No. 415                      *Lift High the Cross*                      CRUCIFER

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Response                              *We Go in Peace*                              Choir

\* Extinguishing the Candles, taking forth the Light of Christ

\* Postlude                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                      arr. by Melody Bober

*\* Congregation will please stand*

**Bold** *Congregation will please respond*

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**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*A welcoming community of Christian disciples seeking to love and serve God and neighbor*

March 1, 2026    ✝    10:45 am



We are invited to open our imaginations and reconsider our relationship with God. Jesus invites Nicodemus, as he invites each of us, to come into the light of day and become mature believers, full participants in the abundant life he offers. Jesus knows that neither Nicodemus nor contemporary believers can do this on their own. It is God who will give birth in water and Spirit. Rebirth is God's gift to give, God's work to accomplish, and it is God who labors to bring us new life.    -- *Deborah J. Kapp*

**Gathering**

Time of Reflection    *inspired by Isaiah 53:1-12*

\* Hymn, No. 349                      *To God Be the Glory*                      TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\* Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship                      *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*                      Greg Sewell

Time of Quiet Prayer and Prayer of Blessing

Hymn, No. 384                      *Speak to My Heart* (vs. 1)                      HOLCOMB

Confession

Our help does truly come from God. This help is not just for the times when trouble befalls us, or when our lives are hard, but also when we are the ones who are to blame. Knowing that, we turn to God for help.

**Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Friends, know you are forgiven  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* Response, No. 389                      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*                      CHILDREN PRAYING

### Proclaiming

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading    *Genesis 12:1-4a* (pg. 9, Pew Bible)

Second Reading    *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17* (pg. 1026, Pew Bible)

Anthem    *God So Loved the World*    John Stainer

God so loved the world, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world thro' Him might be saved. God so

loved the world, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life, Everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life. God so loved the world, God so loved the world, God, so loved the world.

Gospel    *John 3:1-17* (pg. 968, Pew Bible)

Sermon    *In the Dark of Night*    Rev. Kip J. Rush

Invitation to Discipleship

\* Hymn, No. 635    *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*    SOJOURNER

\* Affirmation of Faith    *from Iona Community*

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.**

**He descended into the earth to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb.**

**He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

### Responding

Silent Prayers and Prayer of Intercession

Offertory Sentence

Offertory    *Sing to the Lord!*    arr. by Lani Smith

\* Response, No. 671                      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (vs. 3)                      BEACH SPRING

Invitation to the Lord's Table

## MARCH 1, 2026

10:45 am Worship Service

### *Nursery/Wee Worship Care: Childcare Solutions*

**Childcare is available during our worship service for all children through kindergarten.**

**Easter Sunday is April 5**, and the **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** will follow our worship service, around noon. All children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited, including visitors. **You can help us by donating candy** that can go into the *Easter Treat Bags*. A collection basket is outside the church office for your donations. Monetary donations are welcome and can be left in the church office. Thank you!

The **Bakeless Bake Sale**, sponsored by the **CPWM**, will continue throughout **March**. Contributions may be made online at [Brenthaven.org](http://Brenthaven.org). You also may mail your check to the church, made out to *CPWM*.

You're invited to join **Sacred Sparks Ministry** for the dedication of their recently rebuilt laundry room at St. Luke CP Church. This event is **Saturday, March 21** from 1:00–3:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. See the newsletter for more details.

**Sunday, March 22 is Youth Sunday!** Our youth will be leading worship, and we can't wait to see how they share their gifts with our whole church family. Make plans to join us as we worship together!

Reminder: **Daylight Saving Time** begins next **Sunday, March 8**. Spring forward—set clocks ahead one hour.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>SUN., MAR. 1</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Sunday School
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	Worship Service
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Youth ROCKS ( <i>Youth Room</i> )
<b>MON., MAR. 2</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Young @ Heart ( <i>Adult Library</i> )
<b>TUES., MAR. 3</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Lenten Bible Study ( <i>Adult Library</i> )
<b>WED., MAR. 4</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Choir Practice ( <i>Choir Room</i> )
<b>THURS., MAR. 5</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Creative Crafts ( <i>Adult Library</i> )
<b>SUN., MAR. 8</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Sunday School
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	Worship Service
		<b>(Daylight Saving Time Begins)</b>

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Molly & C.T. Cozart (*sister and brother-in-law of Becky Jones*)

### Members

Ty Allen, Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, David Dowland, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennessy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Marty Morris, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Bonnie Pierce, Larry Pulley, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Porter Stark, Cheryl & Don Tabor, Jane & James Talley

### Family and Friends

Jon Bates (*nephew of Kaye Holland*), Millie Benefield (*mother of Karen Benefield*), Beth Brakebill (*sister of Joe Malloy*), Sierra Broome (*friend of Lorri Jean Pulley*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Lauren (*friend of Ame Satterwhite*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Chrissy Deaton (*sister-in-law of Russ Deaton*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Kristen Ertel (*co-worker of Aaron Ferry*), Garry Ferry (*uncle of Aaron Ferry*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett*), Miklos Gerendas, Amy Glenn (*daughter of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Eddie Grant (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Gregg Gross (*father of Ben Gross*), Chazz Jones (*friend of the Crafting group*), Hudson Jones (*friend of Joan Bledsoe's family*), David Kirby (*stepson of Donna Kirby*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*), Colton Osborne (*family friend of Rena Sutton*), Joan Peay (*mother of Trent Johnson*), Rick Prentice (*son-in-law of Ben Davis*), Kinsley Ramey (*co-worker of Aaron Ferry*), Troy Rhone (*nephew of Scott Shepherd*), Jenny Rowe (*sister of Liz Strickland*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Haden Scott (*brother of Frank Scott*), Marjorie Shepherd (*mother of Sharon Malloy*), Casey Sherwin (*co-worker of Scott Strickland*), Bill Shouse (*uncle of Larry Pulley*), Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Brittany Spradling, Caden Sullivan (*grandson of Nina Sullivan*), Nina Sullivan, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Gary Tessar (*friend of Jan Marshall*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Lynn Underwood (*daughter of Dawn McBee*), Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), those serving our country

### Deaths

Family of Deb Blessman (*cousin of Libby Ennenga*)

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