

# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

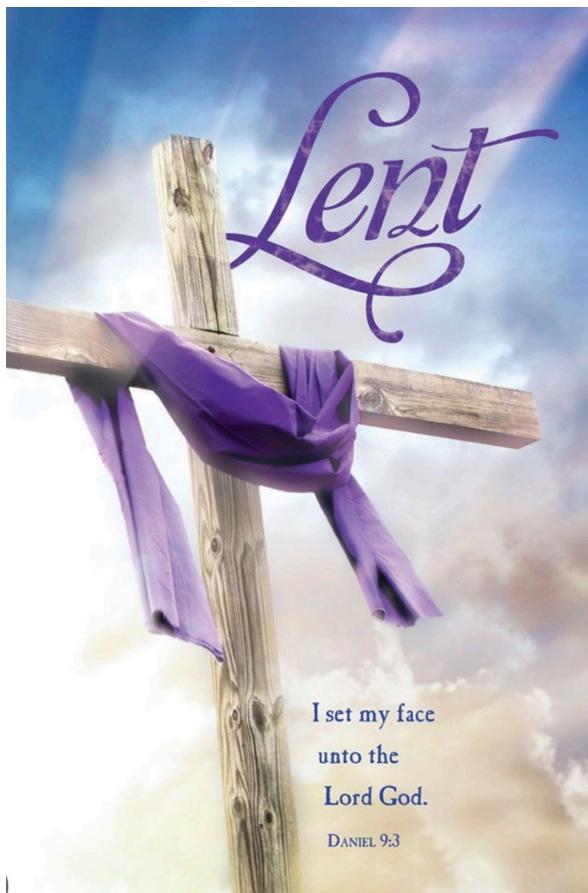
February 22, 2026— 10:30 AM

## First Sunday in Lent



**A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE**

Today's worship team— Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: Marjorie Wetherill; Message: Rev. David Wenker, Pulpit  
Supply; Worship Production: Norris Clark



### WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: [www.coldspringworship.com](http://www.coldspringworship.com)

### MESSAGE PREVIEW:

**Rev. David Wenker's message is titled "Our Daily Bread"**

After the lofty concepts of honoring God's name and praying for the kingdom, asking for bread seems mundane and ordinary. But the recognition of where everything in our lives comes from frees us from the fear and worry of not having enough. It becomes our choice to live with gratitude and our choice to make responsible decisions about what we eat for our body and what we eat for our hearts.

### MUSIC PREVIEW:

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (originally in Welsh, Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch) was written by Welsh Methodist preacher William Williams in 1745. Inspired by the Exodus journey, the hymn serves as a poignant, autobiographical prayer for guidance and sustenance through the "wilderness" of life, reflecting Williams' own experiences as a traveling minister. The hymn heavily draws on the Israelites' journey from Egypt to Canaan, featuring metaphors of a "barren land" (life's hardships), "manna" or "bread of heaven" (sustenance), the "fire and cloudy pillar" (guidance), and the "Jordan" (death/crossing into heaven). The hymn has comforted many through personal

struggles and was notably sung at the funeral of Princess Diana and during the final hours of U.S. President James Garfield.

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" was written by Cecil Frances Alexander and published in her Hymns for Little Children in 1848, designed to explain the phrase "Maker of heaven and earth" from the Apostles' Creed. Inspired by the Irish countryside and the beauty of nature, the hymn encourages gratitude for creation, from small flowers to high mountains.

"Be Still, My Soul" is a 1752 German hymn written by Katharina von Schlegel during the Pietist movement, emphasizing trusting God through trials. Translated into English by Jane Borthwick in 1855, the lyrics were later paired in 1927 with Jean Sibelius's 1899 orchestral tune Finlandia. It is a beloved hymn of comfort often associated with perseverance.

**PRELUDE**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

**WELCOME:**

**REV. DAVID WENKER**

**GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)**

God welcomes all,  
strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong  
and it never ends.

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE) (PSALM 88)**

One: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

**Many: With my mouth I will make your  
faithfulness known through all generations.**

One: I will declare that your love stands firm  
forever,

**Many: that you established your faithfulness in  
heaven itself.**

## **OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)**

**Precious Creator God, your glory is so overwhelming you hide us from seeing it fully. But the glimpse we have of your glory is wonderful. When we pay attention we can see your glory in the beauty of flowers and sunsets, a child's face and a smile from a friend. It is in the wonder of music and the sound of the birds. We see it in the vastness of the stars and the glory of our sun. But most of all we see your glory in the person of Jesus as revealed to us in the Scriptures. We worship you today in the wonder of your glory. In Jesus name, AMEN**

## **GATHERING HYMN - #281 (BLUE) "GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"**

**1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and ever more,  
Feed me now and ever more.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar**

**Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

In a time of testing, let us pause to examine our own hearts, looking for how we have failed to live up to that which God has commanded.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)**

**Dear Heavenly Father, when we compare ourselves to other people we believe we are better than some and worse than others, but not too bad. When we compare ourselves to the glory of Jesus, we are undone and cry out with Isaiah, “Woe is me! I am ruined! For I am a person of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips.” Thank you for your forgiveness and grace or else we would be lost. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN**

## Silent Reflection

### **HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVE)**

One: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. .

**Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### **\*THE GLORIA**

**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, Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Still-speaking God, guide us by your Word and Spirit that we might hear, and by hearing, grow in faith and love. Amen.

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 16: 4-15**

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.” So

Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” Moses also said, “You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.” Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. The Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’” That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:**

### **MATTHEW 6: 25-27, 33-34**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

### **MESSAGE: “OUR DAILY BREAD”**

**REV. DAVID WENKER**

### ***PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION***

### **HYMN OF MEDITATION : #267 (BLUE) "ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL "**

**All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.**

**1. Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings:  
God made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.**

**2. The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky,  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.**

**3. The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one.  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.**

**4. God gave us eyes to see them,**

**And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.**

## **INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS**

### **Ruling Elders:**

**Class of 2028 - Jim Harveson - (completing term  
vacated by Charlie Keister)**

**Class of 2029 - Elaine Jordan  
Chuck McPherson  
John Saalman**

### **Deacons:**

**Class of 2029 - Fred Ferrari  
Barbara Keister**

## **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:**

God is generous and calls us to offer our time, talents and resources back to God, the giver. God has modeled this generosity like a parent giving up an only child. Love and gratitude lead us to give abundantly.

## **OFFERTORY**

## THE DOXOLOGY

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

Prayer of Dedication

## COMMUNITY NEWS

THE FLOWERS THAT BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY ARE GIVEN BY PAT HELLER IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND, GEORGE REMENTER.



To donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one, sign up in the narthex and/or contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).

**Anniversary & Birthday Blessings: none listed, anyone we missed?**

*Today, following Worship, lunch at Bella Vida Restaurant, 406 N. Broadway, West Cape May, sign up in the narthex to join us!*

## Announcements:



Our **Bible Study** will continue to meet on **Wednesday February 25 at 10:00 -11:30** a.m. in Price Hall. It will meet weekly for **5 more weeks** before Easter. We are studying Psalm 23 using W. Phillip Keller's little



study book, "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23". **Sign up in the Narthex** and indicate if you would like a book purchased for you for \$8.00.

## **New for 2026! Cold Spring Suppers "Book Club"**

**Why:** Good food for your heart, mind, body, and soul!

**How:** Participants will select, read, and discuss contemporary and classic books that stimulate the heart and mind, and enjoy a free dinner (pizza, salad, and drink). Book reading: "Secret of Secrets" by Dan Brown

**When:** *Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:30 pm*

**Where:** *Located here at Price Hall on 780 Seashore Road in Cold Spring.*

**NOTE:** Participants may request free copies of selected books in advance by emailing their request and mailing address to [norrisclark@me.com](mailto:norrisclark@me.com)

## **RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

(If you'd like to add to our prayer list, please complete a green Let's Pray card.)

*Pray for:* **Linda's nephew, Brian** having surgery for prostate cancer this week; **Nick Discepola**, in Cooper, Camden, ICU with serious injury from head-on collision;

**Guy Kessler** was in the hospital after falls and is now in Pelican Point for rehab; Nancy Kessler's sister, **Carol Davis** is in great pain from shingles she has had for over a year; **Baby Eleanor Mills**, now 40 days old, has gained enough weight to be able to go home, she slept all the way home in the car, and still needs our prayers for her continued health concerns; **Cheryl Kurtz** diagnosed with cancer; Barb Smith's neighbor, **Betty**, 90 yrs old needs prayers **for her son** who is having amputation of his leg; **Denise Shuler's sister** suffering kidney failure, **her granddaughter** is pregnant and needs hospital care, Denise's **daughter, Lori**, has received good news. Her cancer is in remission; **Rev. Jim Shanley**, recuperating slowly; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant.

Continual prayer requested for: **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob Sheidly** friend of Bob Heinly, as he battles multiple maladies of aging; Anna Sheidly is now receiving hospice care.

Those on hospice care: **Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis, Anna Sheidly.**

Those undergoing cancer treatment: **Kiley Fulford; Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Joe, Jennifer, Lori, Ruth, Debbie, Mike Grecco, Norma Sasso, Roseann Crook, Christa, Jackie, Diane, Charlotte Holman, Joe Paulits, Gretchen, Ray, Carl, Robert, Patricia, Richard Beare and Rev. Jack Wright.**

## **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.**

### **FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY**

Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are neighbors.**  
Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are friends.**

### **SENDING HYMN: #411 (RED) "BE STILL MY SOUL"**

**1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend**

**Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.**

**Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.**

**Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on**

**When we shall be forever with the Lord,**

**When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,**

**Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.**

**Be still, my soul: when change and tears are  
past,**

**All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

**BENEDICTION:**

**REV. DAVID WENKER**

**POSTLUDE:**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

**Go in peace. See you next week!**

**So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.**

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1. Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah: - William Williams, John Hughes; CCLI #1448

2. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555

3. All Things Bright and Beautiful: Cecil Frances Alexander, English melody, 17th C. Adpnt.  
Martin Shaw, 1915; CCLI Song #1510282

4. *Gloria*: Public Domaine

5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song # 1149
6. *Be Still My Soul*: Katherina Von Schlegel, Jean Sibelius, trans. Jane L. Borthwick; CCLI Song #96910