



**WESLEY**  
**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Weems, Virginia*

**“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”**

Matthew 28:19 NIV

**March 1, 2026**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God calls us to leave what is familiar and follow where grace leads.

**All: We come, trusting the promise we cannot yet see.**

Leader: God keeps watch over all who journey by faith.

**All: Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: God offers new life, born of Spirit and truth.

**All: Let us worship the God who calls us forward in faith.**

**Opening Prayer**

Calling God, you invite us into futures we cannot yet imagine. As we gather in worship, steady our hearts and strengthen our trust. Loosen our grip on what feels safe and familiar, and open us to the life you promise. Shape us by your grace, that we may walk faithfully with you through this Lenten journey. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Hymn #12 Praise Him! Praise Him!**

**Prayer of Confession**

Faithful God, we confess that we struggle to trust what we cannot control. We hesitate when you call us to move, and we cling to certainty rather than promise. We doubt your grace and rely on our own efforts instead. Forgive us, O God. Renew our faith, release our fear, and lead us again into the life you offer. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon: Proverbs 28:13**

**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, amen.

### **Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by 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.

### **Pastoral Prayer 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 and ever. Amen.

### **Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful God of New Beginnings, you call us—as you called Abraham—to trust in what we cannot yet see, to follow where you lead, even when the road is unclear. In the shadows of our questions and the uncertainty of our understanding, you meet us with grace, not condemnation. As Nicodemus discovered, your love is not earned but freely given. Receive now these gifts we offer—not as payment or proof, but as signs of our belief, our hope, and our gratitude. Use them to share your transforming love with a world still searching in the dark. In the name of your Son, given in love, we pray. Amen.

#### **Hymn #563 Open My Eyes That I May See**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

God of promise, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts to trust you more deeply. Give us courage to follow where you lead and grace to receive the new life you offer. By your Spirit, shape us into people who live by faith. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

#### **Scripture Readings:**

Luke 13:1-5  
II Chronicles 7:11-15  
II Peter 3:8-14

#### **Sermon: Mindful Repentance**

#### **Responsive Reading #346**

#### **Hymn #464 Come to the Table**

#### **Holy Communion**

#### **Hymn # 571 Trust and Obey**

#### **Benediction**

**Sending Song:** May the Lord, Mighty God Bless and keep you forever;  
Grant you peace, perfect peace Courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see his face Full of grace forever;  
May the Lord, Mighty God Bless and keep you forever.