



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 8, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent

Hymn #423 The Bond of Love (1st verse)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty.

All: We come, longing for water that truly satisfies.

Leader: God meets us in places of weariness and need.

All: God’s grace flows even in the wilderness.

Leader: Today, if you hear God’s voice, do not harden your hearts.

All: Let us worship the Lord, the source of living water.

Opening Prayer

God of living water, You know our thirst, both spoken and unspoken. As we gather in worship, meet us where we are tired, uncertain, or dry. Open our hearts to receive the life you offer and our lives to be shaped by your grace. Quench our thirst with your mercy and lead us deeper into trust through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #329 There is Power in the Blood

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we look for life in places that cannot satisfy. We complain when the journey is hard and resist the truth that would set us free. We harden our hearts instead of trusting your care. Forgive us, O God. Break open what is closed within us, and restore us by your grace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Holy God, from abundance upon abundance, you have said that we may freely take, and freely share. As we return to you what is already your own, we ask that you would bless these gifts and multiply them. May we, in turn, be blessed, as we see your reign unfolding before us, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn #342 Rock of Ages

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, send your Spirit upon us as your Word is read and proclaimed. Open our ears to hear your truth, soften our hearts to receive your grace, and draw us into the life you offer through Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 119:1-16
Mark 10:17-22

Sermon: The Everlasting Law

Responsive Reading #346

Hymn #235 Take the Name of Jesus with You

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.