



Northwest News for March 2024

March Worship

A Note from Matt: Sermons for March

March 3

Text: Mark 1:40-45 (Jesus Cleanses a Leper)

Sermon Title: The Sick Get a Doctor:

Theme: In American culture, we often focus on WHAT we want or need, but fullness of life is first a question of WHO is going to help us.

March 10

Text: Mark 7:1-23 (defining unclean: confrontation with Pharisees)

Sermon Title: Inside Out

Theme: Externals can't save us, boundary marker spirituality can't save us, only being made new from the inside out can save us.

March 17

Text: Mark 9:43-48 (cutting sin out of our lives)

Sermon Title: Whole or Healed

Theme: Sometimes our response to the sin in our lives needs to be significant.

March 24/ Palm/Passion Sunday

Text: Mark 11:1-11 (as part of the Call to Worship-I'll read it) AND Mark 15:21-41 (Palm Sunday/Crucifixion and Death)

Sermon Title: Parade or Procession

Theme: The closer we get to Jesus, the closer we get to the cross.

March 31/ Easter Sunday

Text: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon Title: Graveyard or Galilee

Theme: Resurrection means change; that can scare us or bring us joy.

Ladies Fellowship Fun

February's Ladies Lunch will be Tuesday, March 12 at noon at the home of Susan Hobbs, 1423 Bixby. This month we will have chicken salad sandwiches and something sweet to eat. Come join us for a great time of worship, prayer, fellowship, and friendship.

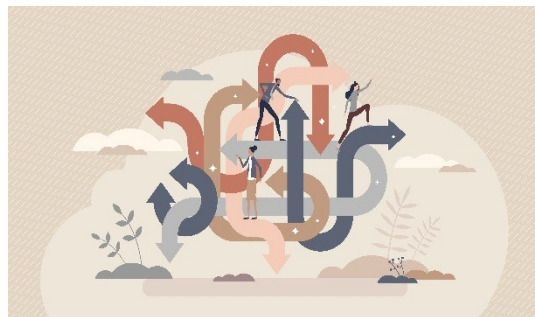
The **Gospel**: For **G**od so loved the world that He gave his **O**nly begotten **S**on that whosoever believes in Him should not **P**erish but have **E**verlasting **L**ife. John 3:16

From the Pastor Search team:

Do you remember when GPS first came out—or at least was affordable enough for most people to be able to use? If you turned wrong or went off the directed path, it would say out loud “RECALCULATING.” Then it would try to get you back on the correct path. That seems to be where Pastor search team is today. A state of recalculating.

The first group of candidates that the Center for Healthy Churches (CHC) provided for us did not feel led by the Spirit to our church. RECALCULATING. The CHC jumped into action and has provided us with another round of candidates. So we begin again. We have looked at resumes, listened to sermons, and we will begin the initial “zoom” conversations where we get to know each other. This will take several weeks to visit and revisit. We found in the first group that it helped to talk in person so we will try to schedule those meetings as well.

We know that you probably all believe that this is how the process is working:



But we assure you, this is how the process is working.



We are looking to the One who knows the plan for our church. We are relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us and give us direction and send out the RECALCULATING message every time we need it. We trust. We pray. We continue. Pray for the Team and pray for the person God has already chosen to be our pastor.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Join us for Bible Study (Sunday School) in March during the Lenten season. This season provides us with an opportunity to grow closer to Christ in devoted love and daily commitment. Our lessons this month will challenge us with practical ways to grow deeper in our faith.

March 3 “Fast & Pray.” How can we sharpen our focus on Christ by giving up something we value to gain something immensely better.

March 10 “Enter God’s Rest.” Psalm 95 will help us listen attentively to God’s voice and follow in faithful obedience.

March 17 “Seeking God’s Cleansing.” Psalm 51 will help us to grow closer to Christ as we confess our sins and open our hearts to God’s restoring grace.

March 24 “Welcome the King.” We must decide what it means to follow a humble Messiah whose power is found in sacrificial love.

March 31 Easter Sunday “Celebrate Resurrection.” We will explore how the resurrection changes everything for us.

Easter Lilies

We will be purchasing Easter Lilies for the sanctuary this year. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor or in memory of someone special, order forms will be included in the Order of Worship beginning Sunday, March 3. You may also order by calling the church office (223-1691) Monday through Thursday mornings. A list of honorees will be included in the Easter Order of Worship.

Orders must be placed by March 17 and the lilies are \$25 each.



Church Calendar

March 3/ Sunday– The Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

March 6/ Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

March 10/ Sunday/ The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Daylight Saving Time begins– Spring forward

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

March 12/ Tuesday

Noon Ladies Luncheon at the home of Susan Hobbs

March 13/ Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Finance

March 17/ Sunday– The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

March 20/ Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

March 24/ Palm/Passion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

March 27/ Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

March 29/ Good Friday

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

March 31/ Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

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