

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**  
The Lord's Day | Second Sunday in Lent

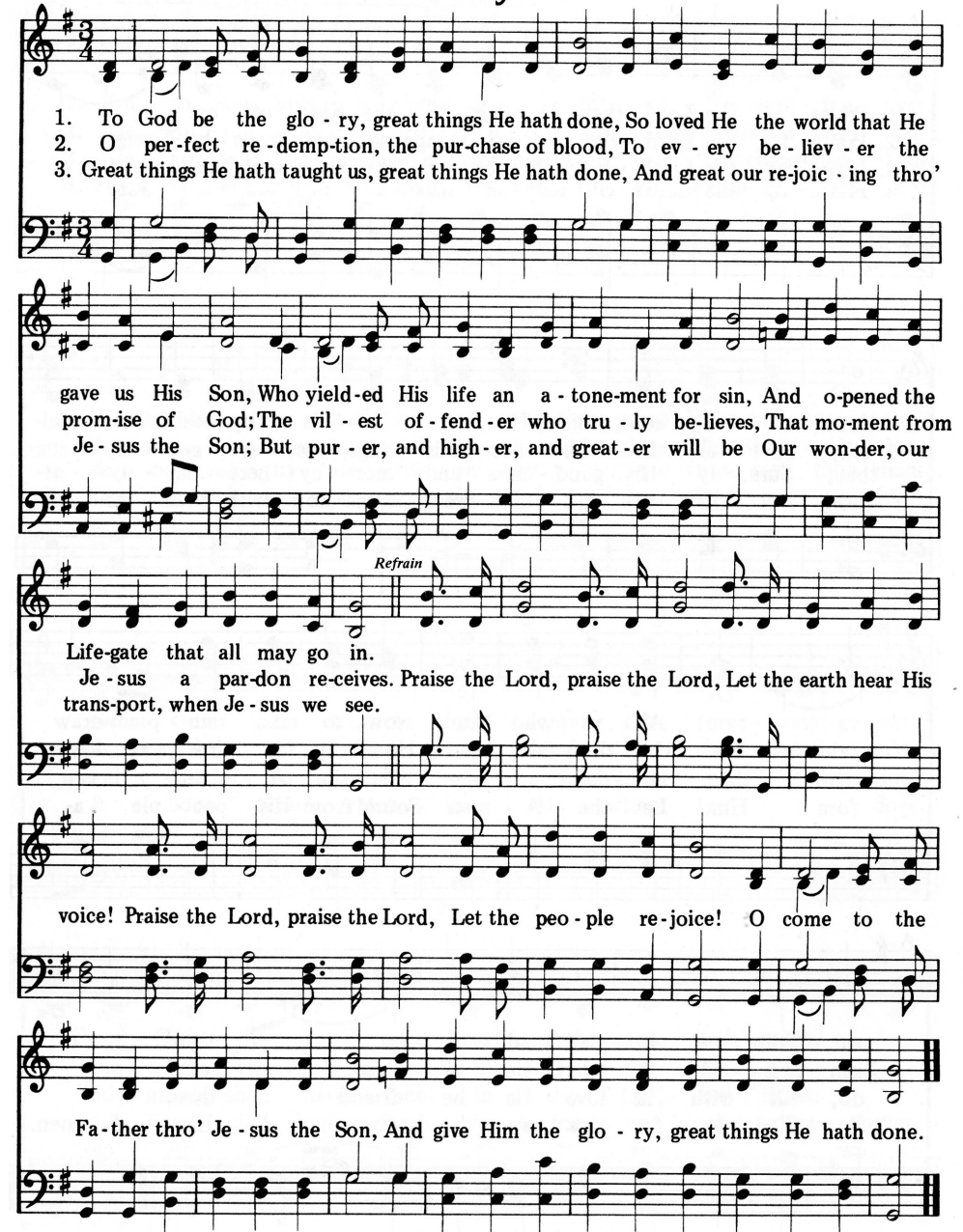
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<b>Name of Jesus / Sweetest Name I Know</b> - Arr. Whitworth	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	<b>Psalms 29:1, 9</b> (Responsive)	Pastor Timothy Valentino Kaye Focht
Opening Hymn	<b>35: To God Be the Glory</b>	Congregation
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Scripture Readings		
Old Testament Lesson:	<b>Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18</b>	Shirley Long
The Response:	<b>Psalms 27:1-14</b>	Shirley Long/Kaye Focht
The Gospel Lesson:	<b>Luke 13:31-35</b> (Please stand)	Shirley Long
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	<b>Proverbs 31:20</b>	Pastor Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	<b>371: "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said</b> (vs 3)	Congregation
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Praise Hymns	<b>Ancient Words / You Keep Your Promises</b>	Congregation
Sermon	<b>Wonders &amp; Warnings 2: Everything Written Will Be Fulfilled</b> (Luke 18:31-34)	Pastor Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	<b>145: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?</b>	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<b>The Church's One Foundation</b> - S. Wesley / Mansfield	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Marlin Bohannon, 717-383-1153

Lector	Shirley Long	Children's Church Leader	Sonya & Jennifer Danielson
Responder	Kaye Focht	Nursery	Lori & Jim Danielso
Organist	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Flutist	Shirley Long	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	March Counters	Kaye Focht, Vivian Hardy
Hymn Leader, Vocalist, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson

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## 35 To God Be the Glory



1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He  
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - ery be - liev - er the  
 3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re - joic - ing thro'

*Refrain*  
 Life - gate that all may go in.  
 Je - sus a par - don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His  
 trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the  
 Fa - ther thro' Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 Ref.

## Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1, 9

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.

**And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”**

## The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup> After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:  
“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

<sup>8</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

<sup>9</sup> So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

<sup>10</sup> Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. <sup>11</sup> Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him....

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.”

## The Response: Psalm 27:1-14 (Responsive)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,**

**it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask from the LORD,  
this only do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD  
and to seek him in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble  
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Then my head will be exalted  
above the enemies who surround me;  
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice when I call, LORD;  
be merciful to me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”  
Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me,  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper.  
Do not reject me or forsake me,  
God my Savior.

<sup>10</sup> **Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will receive me.**

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, LORD;  
lead me in a straight path  
because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup> **Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,  
for false witnesses rise up against me,  
spouting malicious accusations.**

<sup>13</sup> I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness  
of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the LORD;  
be strong and take heart  
and wait for the LORD.**

(PLEASE STAND)

## The Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup> He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’”

<sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
you who kill the prophets and  
stone those sent to you, how  
often I have longed to gather  
your children together, as a hen  
gathers her chicks under her  
wings, and you were not willing.  
<sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to  
you desolate. I tell you, you will  
not see me again until you say,  
‘Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.’”

## Worship in Giving: Proverbs 31:20

<sup>20</sup> She opens her arms to the poor  
and extends her hands  
to the needy.

## 371 “Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said

3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, And let your fool-ish pride be still:

Your Lord re-fused not e'en to die Up-on a cross on Cal-v'ry's hill.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the staves.

WORDS: Charles W. Everest, 1833  
MUSIC: Henry Baker, 1854

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### Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart  
Words of life words of hope  
Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice

O heed the faithful words of Christ  
Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart

#### CHORUS

***Ancient words ever true  
Changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart***

## You Keep Your Promises

It is written: You're my refuge and strength  
Though the earth may pass away, You will remain  
It is written: You provide every need  
Everywhere that You will lead, You will sustain

#### [CHORUS]

***You keep Your promises.  
Your goodness never ends  
from generation to generation.  
You keep Your covenant.  
We've seen Your faithfulness  
from generation to generation.***

It is written: We're redeemed by Your blood  
All the old has passed away, the new has come  
It is written: It's not by power or might  
But by the spirit of the Living God in us

#### [REPEAT CHORUS]

We will trust You and believe.  
As it's written, let it be.  
You alone will be a firm foundation.  
What You've spoken is enough.  
It's the ground we're standing on.  
You are God, and we will not be shaken.

We will trust You and believe.  
As it's written, let it be.  
You alone will be a firm foundation.  
What You've spoken is enough.  
It's the ground we're standing on.  
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#### [REPEAT CHORUS 2X]



# Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? 145

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, And did my Sov-'reign die? Would  
 2. Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned up - on the tree? A-  
 3. Well might the sun in dark-ness hide And shut his glo - ries in, When  
 4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The debt of love I owe; Here,  
 He de - vote that sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?  
 maz - ing pit - y! grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
 God, the might - y Mak - er, died For man the crea - ture's sin.  
 Lord, I give my - self a - way; 'Tis all that I can do. A-men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707  
 MUSIC: Hugh Wilson, c.1800

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## THE SHARING CUPBOARD IS IN NEED OF

### • SOUP • CEREAL

- Spaghetti Sauce • Corn • Peanut Butter
- Non spaghetti noodles • Snack foods • Chips
- Pretzels • Cookies • Crackers • Other personal care items including liquid & bar soap, and toothpaste.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at [pastortim@christcomm.church](mailto:pastortim@christcomm.church) or (484) 269-4313.

## LOOKING AHEAD

\* Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex

**TODAY!** @ 12 noon CHURCH LUNCHEON\* Zinn Commons  
 @ 1:15 p.m. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
 Zinn Commons

Wednesday, March 19 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER via Zoom

Thursday, March 27 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge

Sunday, March 23 @ 4:00 p.m. VBS TRAINING CLASS • Zinn Commons

Sunday, March 30 Easter Flowers Order Form Due to Carol Keller

Tuesday, April 8 @ 5:30 p.m. BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING  
 Zinn Commons

Monday, April 7 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Sunday, June 8 - Thursday, June 12 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## VBS WORKERS ANNOUNCEMENT



### ***Vacation Bible School is coming to Christ Community Church JUNE 8-12!***

So that we are fully equipped for this great opportunity, we are focusing on directing children's behavior while they are in our care. We will be having one-hour training times that give us tools for helping the children and our church family thrive during VBS. Listed below are options VBS helpers can choose from. Contact Sonya (call/text 484.269.4314 or email [tim.sonya@comcast.net](mailto:tim.sonya@comcast.net)).

- Sunday, March 23 @ 4:00 PM at Church
- Sunday, April 5 @ 9:30 AM at Church
- Sunday, April 8 @ 6:30 PM at Church

*Please Note that **ONE CLASS** of training is necessary for **ALL** who volunteer with children in any capacity at Christ Community Church throughout the year.*

# VBS WORKERS ANNOUNCEMENT

*"Lord, I pray for this dark world. Do something."*

*"I will use you as I reach the children."*

Our whole church family is teaming up to join God as He reaches kids.  
Our VBS begins **Sunday, June 8** and runs through **Thursday, June 12** in the evenings.

There are pre-VBS opportunities, helping during VBS, and after-VBS opportunities. Some ministries are kid-free. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so you can respond to how God is nudging you.

You can also contact Maureen Logan [mlart1@verizon.net](mailto:mlart1@verizon.net)  
or Sonya Valentino [timsonya@comcast.net](mailto:timsonya@comcast.net)

## EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Orders due to **Carol Keller** by **March 30**



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MUM (6" pot, florist, non-hardy)	PINK	\$6.00 x _____	=
TOTAL PAYMENT INCLUDED: (Make checks payable to CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH)			\$

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