SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 15, 2026 11:00am
Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE
"Meditation at the Cross" arr. Whitworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT **SEE SCREEN**
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.
People: God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.
Leader: God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!
People: Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.
All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, a "before" and "after," a "now" and "then"; that we may also say, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #10**

"Majesty"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord. However, we often fail. Knowing that, we bring our confession to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **(ALL)**
Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your Word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Isaiah 31: 1, 4-8a
Page 1106

ANTHEM
"In His Love" Patterson

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 23: 37-39
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SERMON
"Wings That Protect"

CONFIRMATION OF NATHANIEL FITZGERALD

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** hymnal, back cover

***HYMN #589**
"Here I Am, Lord"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER
RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641
"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Karvonen
***DOXOLOGY**
OFFERING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #423**
"The Bond of Love"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Peterson

*Please stand if you are able.