SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 8, 2026 11:00am
Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE
"In the Garden" Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
People: We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving and make joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!
Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!
People: For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd. We will know of your power as we listen for your voice!
All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

We do indeed bow down before you and sing you our praises, O God; you are the shepherd who tends to our needs. You gather us from among different races and cultures and blend us into a people who radiate your love. You show deference toward us as you stoop to hear both our pleas and our praise. We wear proudly the mantle of your grace and mercy and as we worship you humbly in thought, word, and deed. Send your Spirit to lead us as we worship you, our God. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #348 vs. 1, 2, & 5**

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Paul tells us, "… since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand … but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **(ALL)**
Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures, and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Numbers 22: 4b-20
Pages 244-245

ANTHEM
"Feed My Sheep" arr. Sterling

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 21: 1-11
Pages 1531-1532

SERMON
"The Donkey's Example"

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

***HYMN #512**
"Jesus is All the World to Me"

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
"How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them
(from 'Messiah')" arr. Smith
***DOXOLOGY**
OFFERING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #772 vs. 1, 3, & 4**
"When We All Get to Heaven"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**
"Postlude in A Minor" Ashford

*Please stand if you are able.