

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Kim Geiken*

Lenten Reading: “Crown of Thorns”

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #206 “There Is a Redeemer”

#73 “Thou Art Worthy”

✠Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Kim Geiken*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 3:1-7 (page 5)

Response Psalm – Psalm 32:6-11 (pages 869-870)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 4:1-11 (pages 1499-1500)

Message: “**Tempted**”

Prayer of Commitment

✠Hymn #428 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

✠Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love.

Jesus offered his life for us to remove our dreadful curse. As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ.

For his name and glory we pray and present our gifts. Amen.

Church Family Ties

Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song “Way Maker”

Postlude

✠*Please stand during these acts of worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

During this Lenten season, we have readings and symbols which help focus attention on both the sorrowful aspect of Lent, as well as anticipation of the hope and newness of Resurrection Sunday.

Children in preschool-5th grade may leave during the closing song to go to “Little Lambs” Choir and their Sunday School class. Youth in 6th-12th grades meet in the chapel at 10:40 AM for Bible Study.

Adults are invited to bring their coffee to the Family Life Center for a video/discussion series with Max Lucado leading a word-by-word video study of John 3:16. Today is session 5 “The Last Word on Life.”

March newsletter information is due in the office by 9:00 tomorrow morning.

Anyone who would like their photo on the family tree in the fellowship hall may contact Sandy Zwart or give a print to her.

2025 statistical records and financial reports were sent by email. Printed copies are available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Love INC’s community classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb 24, at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Classes are “Financial Peace,” “Anxious for Nothing,” and “Cooking on a Budget.” Contact Michelle Paulson 605-681-6550 to register. Pick up a flyer by our mailboxes to share.

A community World Day of Prayer service will be held Saturday, March 7, at Chancellor First Baptist Church. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 AM, followed by the service at 10:00 AM. The speaker is Pastor Jim Wipf. An offering will go to the Union Gospel Mission. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Register now for summer camps at Inspiration Hills. There are day camps, lodge camps, wilderness camps, girls only, guys only, take me fishing, saddle up, and grand camps. Register online at inspirationhills.org before April 15 for the best rates. Complete a blue camp fee assistance form (by our mailboxes) and Second Reformed will pay up to half your fee.

Inspiration Hills is taking applications for Summer Staff 2026. Needed are counselors, day camp coordinator, worship coordinator, lifeguards, wranglers, dishwashers, lawn mowers. Apply at www.inspirationhills.org/summer-staff or contact Lucas Draffen (712) 578-1422 with questions.

Words of Hope devotion booklets are on the table below the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. Feel free to share these booklets with others. The devotions are also online at woh.org

Our church’s adverse weather policy states that if school is canceled or dismissed early due to weather conditions; there will be no evening activities at the church. In the event of adverse weather on Sunday morning, cancellations will be announced through the prayer chain.

Go to www.secondreformed.com to join our email prayer chain group. Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance. **You may also participate in a phone prayer chain group.** Contact Kristi Rops or Joann Muller to be added to a phone group.

Contact Jerod Zimmer, Shellene Smidt, or Charish Weeldreyer if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

Last Sunday we received \$2,550 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget).

TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Diana Smit

Greeters: Jerry & Mary Schilling

Coffee: Al & Roxie Osborn and Jerod & Tonya Zimmer

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – Preschool-5th grade "Little Lambs" Choir and Sunday School

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship time

10:40 AM – 6th-12th Grade Bible Study in the chapel

Adults meet in the Family Life Center for video series

11:15 AM – Classes dismiss

THIS WEEK:

Monday – March newsletter information due by 9:00 AM

Tuesday – "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM

Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30 PM at First English Lutheran

High School Youth at 7:40 PM at First English Lutheran

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM; Music – Denise Snoozy; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Brad & Teresa Smidt; Coffee/Cookie Servers – David & Margaret Rupert; Little Lambs Choir/Sunday School for Preschool-5th Grade at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; 6th-12th Grade Youth meet in the chapel at 10:40 AM; Classes dismiss at 11:15 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for open hearts to hear and believe the Gospel message during this Lenten season.

A letter has been received from Jeff & Chelsea Lampen. Pray for the World Communion of Reformed Churches as they go through staff changes. Praise that Relish brings joy and Christian fellowship. Praise that the Lampen children are being resilient and are - just maybe - starting to enjoy the German language. Pray for Jeff & Chelsea as they seek to follow Jesus and use their gifts to glorify him in Hannover, Germany.

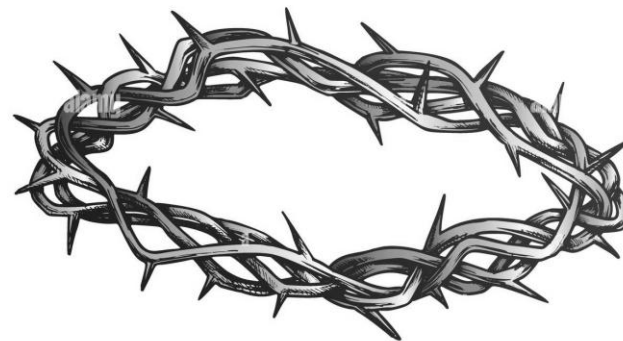
Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head.

Matthew 27:28-29a

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