

Pine Island United Methodist Church

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

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Love, Hope, A Place to Belong

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** - You are invited to stand at these times.*

Hymns numbered 2000 are from "The Faith We Sing" (black), hymns numbered 3000 are from "Worship and Song" (green)

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Centering

Centering Scripture

John 3:14-17

Centering Song

"In Christ Alone"

3105

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 121)

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?

People: My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: The LORD will protect you from all evil;

People: God will protect your very life.

Leader: The LORD will protect you on your journeys – whether going or coming –

People: from now until forever from now.

* Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

369

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

by Laura Jaquith Bartlett, alt.

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

For All of God's Children

"Where Children Belong"

2233

Scripture Reading

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

Betsy Carney

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message

"God's Love (makes it possible)"

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

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Confession and Pardon

by Laura Jaquith Bartlett, alt.

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives.

Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. During this Lenten journey, forgive us from these sins, so that we may focus our hearts on you and choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

(Silent prayer)

(Pastor to People:) Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners: that proves God's love toward us." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

***(People to Pastor:)* In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

***(All:)* Glory to God! Amen.**

Giving of Ourselves, Our Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

* Doxology

* Offertory Prayer

"A Lenten Doxology"

Dub Shepherd



Communion Hymn

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

629

Holy Communion with Jesus Christ

The Great Thanksgiving

(Liturgy # 13-14)

The Lord's Prayer

895

Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving the bread and cup

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Prayer (in unison)

(p. 11)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opportunities for Growth and Service

* Breakthrough Prayer

Holy Spirit, break through to renew and revive our church, unleashing new life. Empower us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of abundant, eternal life.

Transform and boldly use us, without limits, delays, or excuses, to reach new people, to make new disciples of Jesus Christ, and to transform the world. Amen.

* Closing Hymn

"O How He Loves You and Me"

2108

* Dismissal with Blessing

Leader: God so loves us that he gave his only Son,

People: so that we who believe in him won't perish but will have eternal life.

Leader: God didn't send his Son into the world to judge us,

People: but that we might be saved through him.

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

* Postlude

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John 3:1-17 (CEB)

¹ There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. ² He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

³ Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

⁴ Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?"

⁵ Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. ⁶ Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' ⁸ God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? ¹¹ I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. ¹⁶ God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. ¹⁷ God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Starting February 25!



LENT
BYOS(andwich)

To the Basement Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Starting February 25!



LENT
BYOB(ible)

To the Basement Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

If you are with us for the first time, we are delighted you are here! Here are some things that might be helpful to know...

- A **Children's Area** with coloring books, activity bags and a rocking chair is in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- **Restrooms** are in the Office and Education Wing, and an **accessible restroom** with a **changing table** is next to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen in the basement beneath the Sanctuary.
- **Sermon texts** are available on the table in back if you would like to follow along or if you get distracted during the service.
- All are invited by Jesus and welcomed when we have **Holy Communion**. **Gluten Free** wafers are available if needed. It is the tradition of the United Methodist Church to use grape juice.
- Please join us for **Coffee Fellowship** this morning. You are also welcome and invited to be a part of all our **church activities**. A weekly schedule is included in this worship bulletin.
- **Any Questions?** Please ask someone sitting near you or an usher.

Thanks for being here today!

Wednesdays in Lent

6:00 pm "BYO Sandwich"
7:00 pm "BYO Bible"

Join in the fun and enlightenment as we rapidly travel through the Old Testament and better understand the holy foundations on which the life, death, resurrection, and ministry of Jesus was built.

The flowers on the Communion Table for the first Sundays in Lent are given in **Memory of Helen Arndt**.

February 22, 2026, Attendance information: In person **36** Online views **192**

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Sunday, March 8th



**Don't forget to
spring forward...
and set your clocks
one hour ahead!**

Church Calendar for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday Worship (Live stream at www.facebook.com/piumc)
	10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Roscoe Rockets 4-H
Monday	6:00 pm	International Fellowship of Chaplains Grief Group
	10:00 am	Pine Island Small Group
	1:00 pm	Pine Haven Small Group
Tuesday	5:15 pm	TOPS
	8:30 am	Emerging Ministry Team
	6:00 pm	Growing as Disciples Group
	7:00 pm	Parsonage Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	3:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Lenten Sandwich Fellowship
Thursday	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study
	11:30 am	Pine Island Ministerial
	1:00 pm	Zumbrota Care Center Small Group
Friday	7:00 pm	Worship Rehearsal
	6:30 am	Speakers 101 Club
	10:00 am	Pine Island Small Group
Sunday	7:00 pm	Al-Alon
	9:00 am	Sunday Worship (Live stream at www.facebook.com/piumc)
	10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	International Fellowship of Chaplains Grief Group



Prayer Joys & Concerns for March 1, 2026

- Avis Wakey, Don Sanford, Michael Mancilman, David Laechel, Gloria Budd, Michala Sinning, Keith, Susan Moffitt, Tyler Anderson, Chaplain Pat Olafson, Bruce Robinson, Lois and LaMoyne Bruce, Alicemay Clark
- The families of Marie Rolbiecki, Barbara Kroger, Gwen Norris
- All those with cancer
- Families who are going through difficult times and emotional turmoil
- Victims of violence and warfare, and wisdom for those in leadership
- President Donald Trump, those who advise him, and our governmental leaders
- Local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, Minnesota National Guard soldiers
- Our worldwide United Methodist Church in our new era of ministry to all whom Jesus loves
- Peace for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, and Sudan
- For new people who will hear about us and connect with our congregation
- Baiwalla UMC & school in Sierra Leone
- Thanks to God for all our blessings

"In Christ Alone" #3105

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live
3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

"Blessed Assurance" #369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
Refrain

A Lenten Doxology

Praise God
throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord,
whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit
who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts.
Amen.

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” #629

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart
 With gift of finest wheat;
 Come give to us, O saving Lord,
 The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
 they know and heed his voice,
 so when you call your family, Lord,
 we follow and rejoice.

Refrain:

2. With joyful lips we sing to you
 Our praise and gratitude,
 That you should count us worthy, Lord,
 To share this heav'nly food.

Refrain:

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
 The blood of Christ outpoured?
 Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
 Our oneness in the Lord?

Refrain:

4. The mystery of your presence, Lord,
 No mortal tongue can tell:
 Whom all the world cannot contain
 Comes in our hearts to dwell.

Refrain:

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
 Then selfless let us be,
 To serve each other in your name
 In truth and charity.

Refrain:

“O How He Loves You and Me” #2108

1. Oh, how He loves you and me,
 Oh, how He loves you and me.
 He gave His life, what more could He give;
 Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me,
 Oh, how He loves you and me.

2. Jesus to Calvary did go;
 His love for sinners to show.
 What he did there brought hope from despair
 O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
 O how He loves you and me!

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O how He loves you;
 O how He loves me;
 O how He loves you and me!

2026 Easter Flower order

Your Name:

DUE: Friday, March 27, 2026

Flowers		Donating In Honor of:	Donating In Loving Memory of:
Easter Lily \$15.00	How many		
Tulip \$15.00			
Begonia \$22.00			
Kalanchoe \$22.00			
Gerbera \$20.00			
Mum \$22.00			
Hydrangea \$32.00			
NUMBER OF FLOWERS			
TOTAL PRICE		\$	

THANK YOU!



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song. This Cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ-teous-
 world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 ness scorned by the ones he came to
 day, up from the grave he rose a -
 breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died the wrath of
 gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 ny. No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com-fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - ery sin on him was
 lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand. 'Til he re-turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

WORDS: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
 MUSIC: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

IN CHRIST ALONE
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Blessed Assurance

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;

O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove,
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

this is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

A Lenten Doxology

Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace on the left. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it who im -

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the doxology. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

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MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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629 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain (Unison)

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est

wheat. Come, give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the

Fine

1. As when the shep - herd
2. With joy - ful lips we
3. Is not the cup we
4. The mys - tery of your
5. You give your - self to

bread of life to eat.

they know and heed his voice, so
sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude, that
bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured, Do
pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell; whom
us, O Lord; then self - less let us be, to

WORDS: Omer Westendorf, 1977 (Jn. 6:34; 10:1-5; 1 Cor. 10:16-17)
MUSIC: Robert E. Kreutz, 1977

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT
CM with Refrain

when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav - en - ly food.
not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

D.C.

O How He Loves You and Me 2108

1. O how he loves you and me! _____ O how he
 2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go; _____ his love for

loves you and me! _____ He gave his life. What
 sin - ners to show. _____ What he did there brought

more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he
 hope from de - spair. O how he loves you; O how he

loves me; O how he loves you and me! _____
 loves me; O how he loves you and me! _____