

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 1, 2026

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

\*Opening Song (Stand) # "The God of Abraham Praise"

Call to Worship (Stand)

The LORD has promised to make a great nation of those who believe his promises.

**Come, O LORD! For you give life to the dead.**

**You bring into being those things that were not!**

The LORD reckons faith as righteousness to those who,  
Like Abraham, trust in him.

**Come, O LORD! You are worthy to be praised.**

**For your promises rest on your grace alone.**

The children of faith shall inherit the earth.

Such is the trustworthy promise of God.

**Come, O LORD! You are worthy of trust.**

**May our worship declare your glory!**

*Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightning from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A," © 2014, Cascade Books, Eugene, Oregon. Used with permission.*

\*Opening Prayer (Stand): God of amazing compassion, lover of our wayward race, you bring to birth a pilgrim people and call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world. We pray for grace to take your generous gift and step with courage on this holy path, confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us, made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Faith # 143 "You Are My All In All" Jernigan

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Angie Foster

The First Reading Genesis 12:1-48

The Second Reading Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Gospel Reader: Deacon Janelle Hood

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) John 3:1-7

\*Responsorial (Stand) # "Living Hope" Worship Team

\*Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)

The Children's Sermon (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**Announcements & Prayers of the People:** God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation, and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers....

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations

Offertory

\*The Doxology #668 "Doxology" OLD HUNDREDTH

A Prayer of Illumination & Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Table of the Lord<sup>†</sup> (servers are invited to prepare)

Communion Song 404 "Communion Hymn"

**Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

## WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

**Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

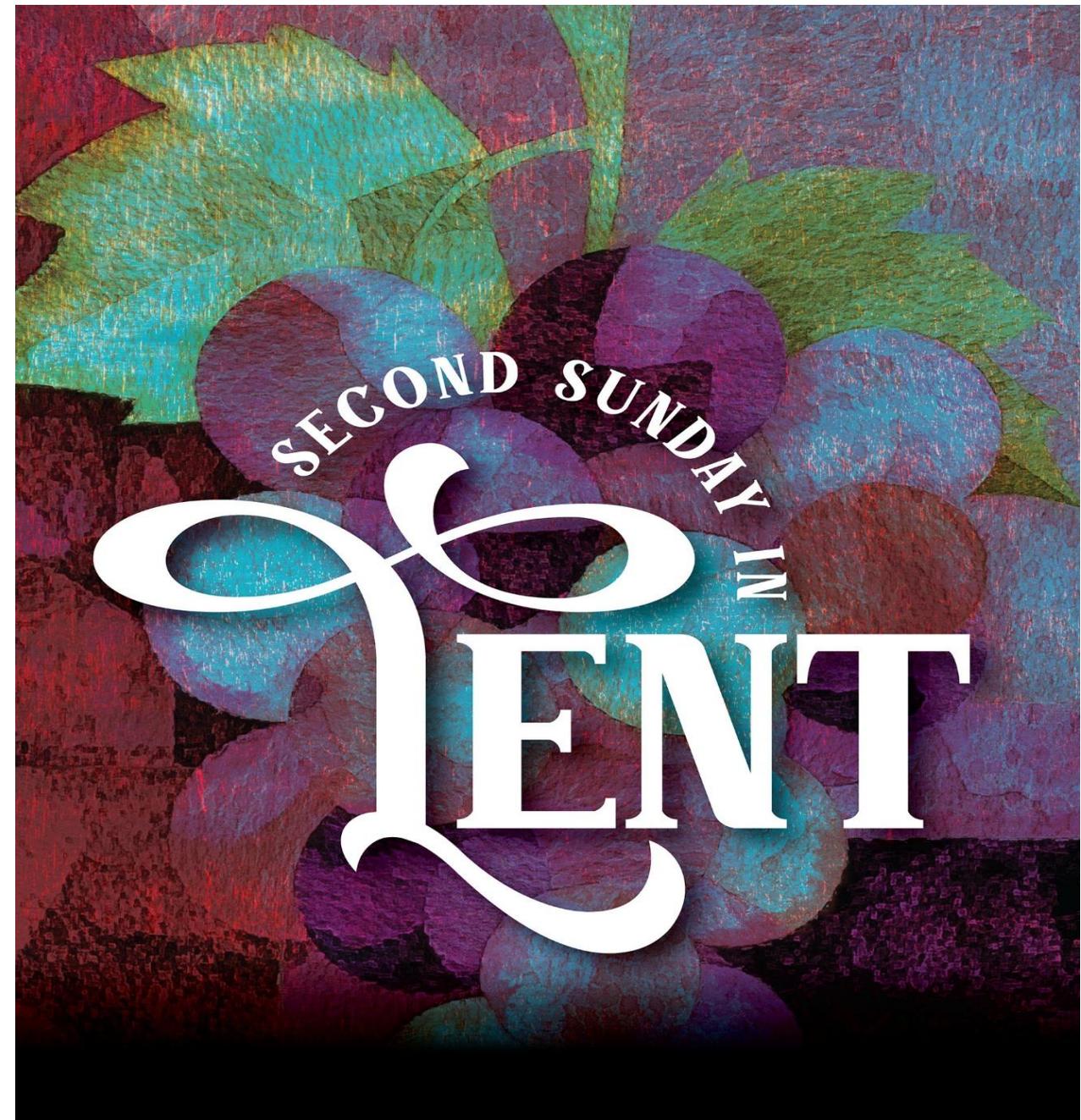
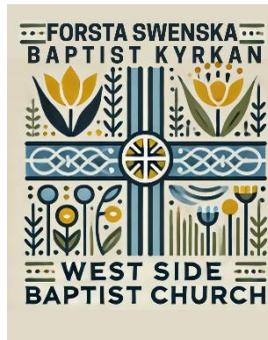
\*Hymn (Stand) # 447 “It Is Well with My Soul” *Ville Du Havre*

\*Spoken Benediction **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

Postlude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer’s Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

**OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People** by sharing the Good News of God’s forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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