



# Chester Bethel UMC

March 1, 2026

9:30 AM

## **Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:**

Organist: Carmella Lynch  
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio  
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner  
Special Music: Paul Wilson  
Greeter: Barbara Coulbourn  
Usher: Carol Williamson  
Worship Leader: Sylvia Illuzzi

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns:**

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Betsey Taylor (L); Phyllis King (H); Lorraine MacMillan (H); David D. (H); Dom D.(H); Millie Burke (H); Janet Canavan (H); Keith Saulsbury (H); Steve Schellberg (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Kim Nally; Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

*Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex*



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## Announcements

- **Are you interested in joining the church?** On March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 PM, Pastor Kelly will be holding a 2-hour New Member Class here at the church. Please contact her to sign up! (There will be food...)
- **Lenten Bible Study** is on Tuesdays at 7 pm (zoom) and in person on Thursdays at 10 am. (see *Dates*, below) The zoom link and chapter assignments are emailed prior to the sessions.
- From January through June your financial mission giving will go to Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army, Food Bank of Delaware and Good Samaritan Fund.
- If you want to dedicate flowers on a particular Sunday you have two choices: one is to pay \$5 and use the silk arrangement. The second is to buy and deliver an arrangement of your choice before that Sunday. In either case you must let Beth know your bulletin dedication by Thursday of the week preceding the Sunday.

## Dates To Remember

March 3 – Zoom Bible Study at 7 pm-Chapter 3

March 5 – In person Bible Study at 10 am-Chap. 3

Mar 7 – New Member class, 11 AM at CBUMC

March 8 – Missions Meeting after church service

March 1, 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

People: **The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

All: **The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

\*OPENING HYMN – “Lift High the Cross” UMH #159

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength**

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<sup>1</sup> The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

**to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Genesis 12:1-4a  
NEW TESTAMENT READING      John 3:1-17

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Freely, Freely”      UMH #389

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS  
PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ’s hands and feet in the world!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY      UMH #94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

INVITATION TO THE HOLY COMMUNION TABLE  
CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>3</sup>

**With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know— that we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and**

<sup>2</sup><https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*, © 2008 Abingdon Press. Posted on the Ministry Matters website. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/act-of-confession-lent-3-b.html>.

**interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING      UMH p. 13  
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 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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD  
GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP  
PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION<sup>4</sup>

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN – “Blessed Assurance”      UMH #369

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*\*Standing in body or in spirit*

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<sup>4</sup> The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.