



The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.

*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.

Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

"Like a River Glorious"
by James Mountain

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Down to the River"

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#621 "For the Healing of the Nations"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who heals and makes whole—
We confess that it is tempting to look away from pain, to distract ourselves from grief, to hurry past sorrow, to explain what should simply be wept over. SILENCE

It is tempting to see avoidance as strength,
to see silence as faith, to see numbness as peace. SILENCE

But you invite us to tell the truth.
So we bring before you what has been lost— dreams unmet, relationships strained, violence endured, trust broken, lives ended, injustice normalized, abuse ignored, hope stunted. SILENCE

By your Spirit,
help us grow our capacity to honor grief, loss, and hardship without rushing to fix, explain, or justify.
Hold us in our honesty; meet us in the ashes; and teach us to lament. In the name of Jesus, we pray . . . amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Welcoming New Members

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.
You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

SONG OF PREPARATION

"How Long, O Lord, How Long (Psalm 13)"

The congregation is invited to listen as the choir introduces this Lenten Song of Preparation, rising to join with them on the second verse.

O Lord our God to you we come
Will you still hide your face
We cry before you and on our knees we pray
How long O Lord how long

CHORUS

Till your glory fills our eyes
And our faith is turned to sight
Till our thirsty souls are satisfied
How long O Lord how long

***Our sorrows leave us weak and worn
Injustice seems to reign
Lord we are shaken and we are losing strength
How long O Lord how long CHORUS**

**But we will trust your steadfast love
your grace will be our song
you bring new mercies with ev'ry rising sun
How long O Lord how long CHORUS**

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Lamentations 1:1-7, 11

"Lament as . . . Naming"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

SONG OF LAMENT

"How Long"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

vv 1, 2, 4, 5, 8—"How Long, O Lord" insert

Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle, blessing one another in song.

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

*POSTLUDE

"O Day of Peace"

by Charles Callahan

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ENGAGE THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday (February 18) to Maundy Thursday (April 2)

WORSHIP SERMON SERIES

For Lent this year, we are spending time in the poetry of Lamentations as we explore the practice of lament. This practice of spiritual renewal invites us closer to God and to one another as we wonder about what it means to live faithfully in challenging and uncertain times. Lamentations shows us how to tell the truth about loss, grief, and pain—personally and communally, while also holding onto hope—hope that endures even when the future is uncertain and unknown.

NAMING GRIEF & SHARING HOPE

(February 22—March 29)
All ages and stages are invited to participate in naming grief, loss, hardship and sharing signs of hope as we create our Lenten art display together. Look for the table located in the Gathering Space to find out how you can participate.

WEEKLY LENTEN PRACTICES

Each Sunday consider engaging the "Learning to Lament" suggestions for reflection and practice in the bulletin.

A SIMPLE PRAYER PRACTICE

Take note of the marble baptismal font near the center doors of the sanctuary. During Lent, all are invited to touch the water when entering and/or leaving the sanctuary each week while practicing this breath prayer:^{*}

INHALE: May my life reflect this truth, O God...

EXHALE: All are beloved. All belong.

*Use this ancient spiritual practice anytime, anywhere to connect with God:

- ⇒ Choose any two brief statements to pray.
- ⇒ Inhale deeply, filling your lungs, and pray the first line aloud or silently.
- ⇒ Exhale slowly and pray the second line aloud or silently.
- ⇒ Repeat as desired to center yourself.

PALM TO PASSION SUNDAY

(9:45AM on March 29)
Mark the beginning of Holy Week with a journey that takes us from cheers of "Hosanna!" to cries of "Crucify!" during our Palm to Passion Service. This service includes an intergenerational Procession of the Palms. All are invited to participate!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

(6:30PM on April 2)
Join the SRC community for this service of remembrance and communion that marks the end of Lent.

LEARNING TO LAMENT: NAMING

Week 1

REFLECTIVE PROMPT

What loss or grief in your life, community, country, or world needs to be named honestly before God?

ACTIVE PRACTICE

Write a Lament Paragraph. In simple sentences, name a loss, grief, or uncertainty (personal or communal) you are present to—no explanation, no fixing, no theology.

Use Your Feet or Fingers to Pray a New Way. Practice praying your laments using the finger prayer labyrinth on the front of the bulletin and/or a prayer labyrinth coloring page on the table in the Gathering Space. Or take your prayers with you outside, praying as you take a walk.

THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A **SECOND**

Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SRC EMAILS?

Please email Rachel at rachel@2refpella.org to sign up to receive SRC's weekly newsletter (*On Second Thoughts*) and other important announcements. Archived copies of the weekly newsletters are on SRC's website.

PREFER TO GIVE ONLINE?

Secure online giving is now available through our financial record-keeping program (Aplos) and its payment processing provider (Stripe). You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations. Access SRC's online giving page using this QR code or by going to <https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/SecondReformedChurch/General>. Thank you for your generous support of SRC's mission!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All active confessing members are invited to attend a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 1 at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary to vote on two consistory-recommended bylaw changes regarding consistory size and term dates. For more information, please see *On Second Thoughts*.

FAITH FORMATION GROUPS

January 18 to February 22

LL=Lower Level FL=First Level SL=Second Level

DURING WORSHIP

Nursery (available all year)

Infant - 3 YO

FL Room 101
3 - 6/7 YO

Children & Worship*

Dismissed via NE sanctuary doors after Children's Message.

SL Room 203

AFTER WORSHIP - 11-11:45 AM

Kids Craft & Play

Leaders: Katie Alley & Molly Van Hemert

Grades K - 6

LL GIG Room
7th Grade - Adult

Pulpit to Pavement: Sermon Discussion Group

Facilitator: Mike Filippini

FL Room 102

7th Grade - Adult

Faithful Imagination

Facilitator: Norman Kolenbrander

FL Room 103 - Library

*Infants to 3rd graders need to be picked up from their rooms by parent/guardian.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 22, 2026

TODAY

9:45 am Worship Service
11:00 am Faith Formation Groups
2:30 pm High School Youth Group
4:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

MONDAY

6:30 pm Consistory Meeting

TUESDAY

2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation

WEDNESDAY

3:45 pm Second Kids
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 am Worship Service
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
2:30 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Greeters: Mike Montgomery, Lee & Helen Luhrs

Next Week: Cheri Scherr, Ann Visser

Nursery: Neriah Hardeman

Next Week:

Storyteller: Rinnah Hardeman, Ann Visser

Next Week: Family Worship--No Children & Worship

Barista: Jerry & Sheila Weldon

Next Week: Sherril Graham

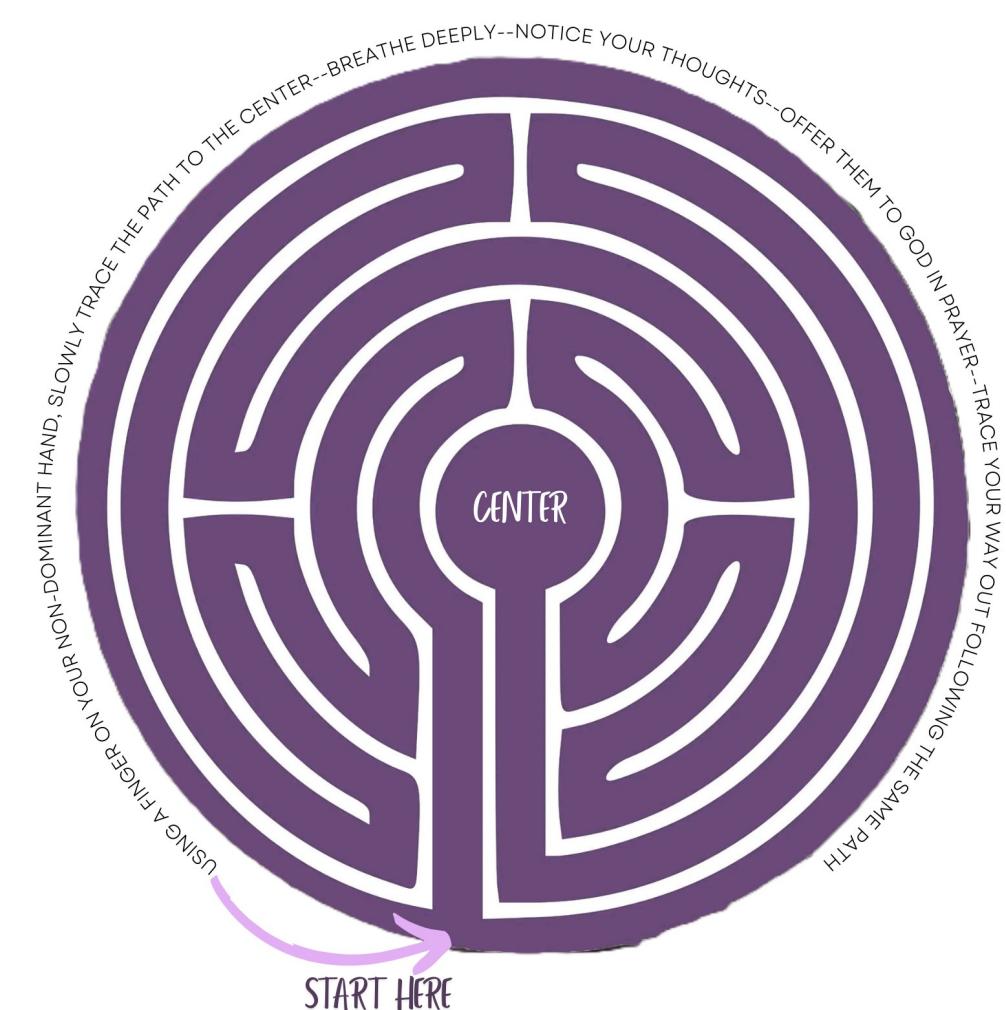
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SECOND REFORMED CHURCH



First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026 - 9:45 am

