



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

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
by Frederick C. Maker

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Have Mercy”

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#61 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of broad love and wide mercy,

we come to you trusting in your grace and goodness.

Hear our prayers.

For our lack of compassion towards those who think differently than us,

have mercy on us.

For our apathy in the face of injustice or oppression,

have mercy on us.

For our complicity in the destruction of air, water, soil, plants, and creatures,

have mercy on us.

For our silence when the good news of the gospel is used

to uphold power and privilege,

have mercy on us.

For our struggle to imagine how you are at work in the world,

have mercy on us.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

By your Spirit,

soften our hearts, open our minds,

and renew our spirits that our lives

may reflect your love and mercy.

In Jesus’ name, we pray . . . amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We entered into worship singing these words of assurance:

“For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind,

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.”

Through the love of God, we are forgiven people.

This is our peace.

*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)”

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 2:10-20

“Lament as . . . Imagination”

COMMUNION PRAYER

God who imagined and crafted the world into being—

Plants and insects, animals and human beings, oceans and mountaintops formed

and changed revealing your divine intentionality and imagination. You stamped

your image upon us. You made covenant with us and purposed us to care for all

the world – including one another. And this truth remains:

When we fail to fulfill this purpose,

you do not fail us.

When we ignore your call,

you do not give up calling us.

When your creation seems broken beyond repair,

you do not give up the work of reconciliation and renewal.

Out of your great love, you set into motion the fullness of creation’s salvation,

reconciliation, and healing by becoming flesh and blood, bone and muscle.

In Christ, you took on our joy and sorrow,

our pleasure and pain.

With thanksgiving for your incarnate love, we join the chorus of all the saints

who’ve gone before us, singing together in one voice:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name,

in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

At this table, we take into our very bodies these reminders of unity. For many grains are baked into one loaf of bread, and many grapes are pressed into juice and poured into one cup. As we eat and drink, unite us as one people committed to your reconciling and healing work in the world so that one day our prayers of lament will be fully realized and:

the oppressed will be free, the hurting will be healed,

the excluded will be welcomed,

and all wrongs made right.

By your Spirit, make us one so that we may be a sign of your grace in every

place. **Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF LAMENT

“Have Mercy”

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

O Lord have mercy. O Lord have mercy. REPEAT

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.

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

“O for a World” see insert

Offerings and food donations for FoodShare, a Second Reformed Church-Pella Food Shelf mobile food pantry, may be brought forward to the basket in the center aisle. Through FoodShare, friends of SRC pack and deliver bags of groceries for our neighbors in southern Marion County once a month.

Checks should be made payable to the Pella Community Food Shelf.

*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.

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*POSTLUDE

“My Savior”

by William J. Kirkpatrick

CCLI #11312016; One License #742124-A

Second Reformed Church

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 today at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary to vote on two consistory-recommended bylaw changes regarding consistory size and term dates.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

A special thank you to Dave Barnes, who shared his musical talents on the harp during communion this morning. Thank you, Dave, for leading us in worship!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 1, 2026

TODAY

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

MONDAY

- 6:30 pm Facilities Planning Meeting

TUESDAY

- 8:00 am Men's Group
- 2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation

WEDNESDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
- 11:15 am Pizza Lunch
- 2:30 pm High School Youth Group
- 4:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Greeters: Cheri Scherr, Ann Visser, Hefflefingers, Sherril Graham
 Next Week: Scott & Miles Tjeerdsma, Cyndi Atkins

Nursery: Neriah Hardeman, Lark, Rory, & Allie Thomas
 Next Week: Neriah Hardeman

Storyteller: Family Worship--No Children & Worship
 Next Week: Annie Foskett

Barista: Sherril Graham
 Next Week: Pete & Cindy Peterson

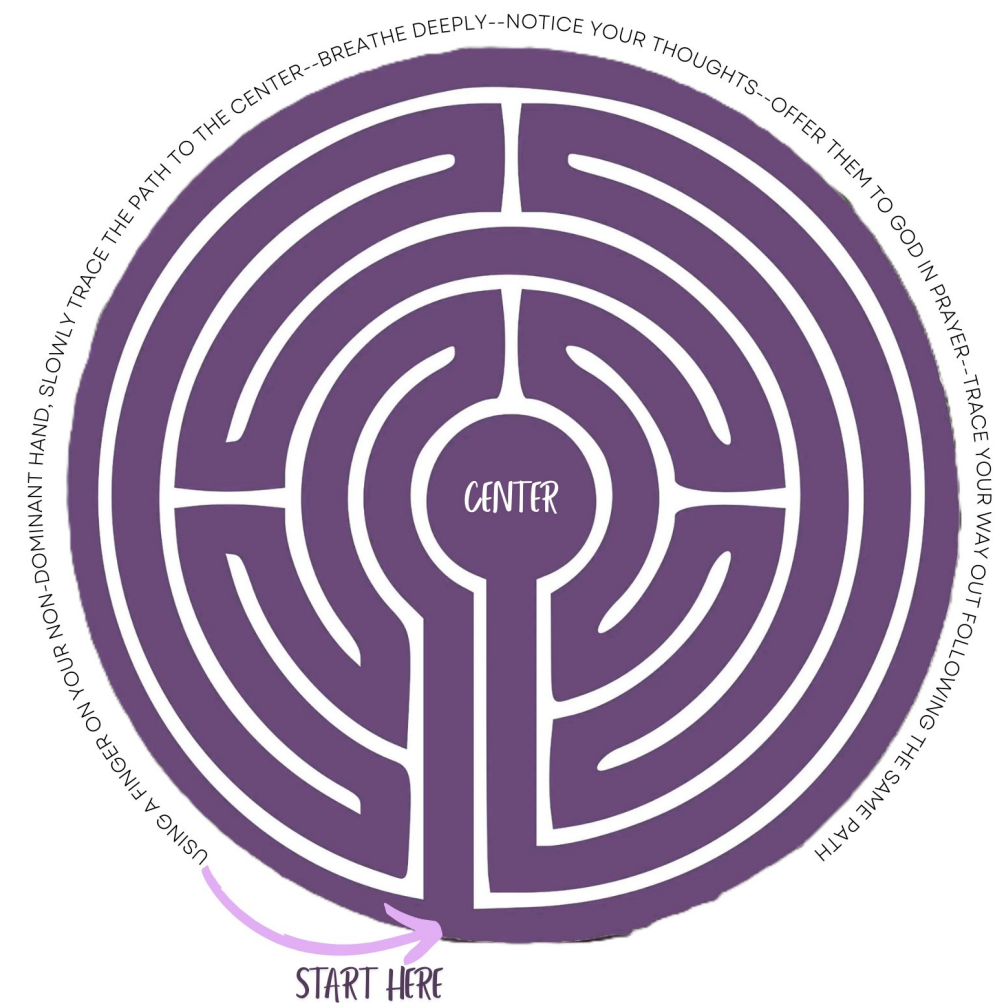
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Second Reformed Church

SECOND REFORMED CHURCH



Second Sunday of Lent
 March 1, 2026 - 9:45 am

ENGAGE THE SEASON OF LENT

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POST-IT NOTE PRAYER WALL (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:

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LEARNING TO LAMENT: IMAGINATION

Week 2

REFLECTIVE PROMPT

Where does your confusion or grief reveal a desire for things to be different in your life or in the world? What sort of life or world does your imagination long for?

ACTIVE PRACTICE

Share your longing in community. Use your answer to the reflective prompt above to write, draw, or doodle a post-it note prayer and add it to the Post-it Note Prayer Wall.

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WORDS: Miriam Therese Winter; TUNE: AZMON #96

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where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
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**The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.**

**Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,
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