



Murray Presbyterian Church

*March 1, 2026 10am Worship
Second Sunday of Lent*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

Ringing of the Tower Bell

*Call to Worship: Psalm 121:1-2

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills

People: From where will my help come?

Leader: My help comes from the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

--Based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

*Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

(PH 379)

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you have given us your Word, bound in a book. And yet we ignore it. Sometimes we use it to prove that we are right and our adversaries wrong. We use it as a weapon. We use it as an excuse. We read what we like and pretend the rest is not there. Worst of all, we think we can keep your Word bound up in a dusty book, safe and harmless. We forget that it is alive and active, sharper than a two-edged sword, able to pierce our hearts. Forgive our misuse of your Word, and enable us to discovering its life-changing message anew. Amen

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response: "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father,

And to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning,

Is now and ever shall be:

World without end.

Amen. Amen.

Scripture: Romans 4:1-5;13-17; Johns 3:13-17

Sermon: "Faith, the Final Frontier"

*Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise",

(WC 62)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "We are Called to be God's People"

(WC 710)

*Benediction:...now and forever. Amen.

*Please Stand if Able

WC: Worshipping Church Hymnal (found on seat) PH: Presbyterian Hymnal (found in pew rack)

To our dear friends in Murray,

You've extended so many kindnesses to us over the past nine years. But you outdid yourselves last Sunday celebrating my retirement and the ministry we have shared together during that time. It was a day to remember: the record number of people who braved the cold and snow to be here, the forms of blessing in the worship service, Pennsylvania cuisine for the fellowship hour (and affording Stacey one more opportunity to feed people, the thing she enjoys the most), and lots of candy!

Thank you for all the cards and gifts and for the many expressions of appreciation for our ministry. The only thing I could have wished for was more time to spend visiting with everyone individually to try to express what each of you has meant to us.

Now, as we embark on a new chapter in life, we carry with us many fond memories of our time in Nebraska and the people here with whom we have formed a relationship. We look forward to hearing from time to time what God is continuing to do through the ministry of this congregation. God bless you always!

Love,
Bill, Stacey, and John

Announcements

Guest Pastor: Kathleen Keefer

Kathleen Keefer is a Ruling Elder and is currently serving on the Session of Presbyterian Church of the Master. She served as Vice Moderator of Presbyterian Women – Churchwide for the Triennium, 2021-2024 and served on the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice for PC(USA). She is a retired Social Worker, having worked in the field of Child Abuse and Neglect for some 30 years. She is a trained Spiritual Director and workshop presenter for the Synod PW. She and her traveling companion, Rev Dr. Keefer have been married for 35+ years and they make their home in downtown Omaha.

Beginning the Pastor Search Process

On Sunday, March 8, handouts will be provided to begin the discernment process for calling a new pastor. Keith Allen from the Presbytery's Commission on Care, will be present to discuss. On March 22, there will be a light meal after the service, followed by 60-90 minutes of small and large group discussion, led by members of the Commission. All members and attenders of Murray Presbyterian are strongly encouraged to participate so that the results reflect the sentiments of our entire congregation.

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