

Sunday, February 22, 2026  
1st Sunday of Lent



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**"Suddenly Angels"**

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"Faith grows  
best in the  
winter of  
trial."

-Rutherford

# Order of Worship: Sunday, February 22, 2026

## 1st Sunday of Lent

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. (Matthew 6:13, New International Version)

Do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. (Matthew 6:13, New Revised Standard Version)

Do not put us to the test, but save us from the Evil One. (Matthew 6:13, New Jerusalem Bible)

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6:13, King James Version)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship:

Elder Karen Eberle

One: Come to worship, and bring your heavy burdens.

**All: Bring everything that weighs us down.**

One: We enter into worship carrying pains of the body, mind, and soul.

**All: We come to worship while our lives and our world struggle to be whole.**

One: Come to God, and experience relief.

**All: Let us release what holds us back, and find God's path forward.**

#### Choral Introit

**\* Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"  
# 411 (Blue Hymnal)**

**\* Passing the Peace - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ***

### Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca,

Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

Christine Ruskin-*friend of Marty*

Joe Nasatka-*friend of Marty*

Amy Etheridge- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Mark Payne- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Larry Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Pat and Ben Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Beth Miller — *Friend of the Hales*

Chuck Shorley — *Friend of the Hales*

Scott Blank — *Friend of the Hales*

Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*

Carol Reese

Sarah & Cliff Dypsky

Maria Kontoyianni— *Friend of Carol Scott*

Gene Peavley - *friend of the Hales*

Brooke Cannell - *relative of the Hales.*

Janet Bischler - *sister-in-law of Rich and Nancy Wright*

Steve LaBrunda

Jonelle Jones

Rich Wright

Bob Reese

Patti Seaman— *sister of Jonelle Jones*

### Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Feb 22 Ann Hales

Mar 1 Jan Owens (or Jonelle Jones)

Mar 8 Barbara & Betsy Kipila

Mar 15 Nancy Wright (or Lisa)

Mar 22 Marci Russell

Mar 29 Jan Owens

April 5 Easter NO FELLOWSHIP

April 12 Mabel Rogers

## Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

|     |     |    |                     |         |
|-----|-----|----|---------------------|---------|
| Wed | Feb | 25 | Bells Practice      | 5:00 PM |
| Wed | Feb | 25 | Choir Practice      | 6:00 PM |
| Fri | Feb | 27 | Narcotics Anonymous | 7:00 PM |

**Birthdays:** *No Birthdays*

**Flowers:** Flowers in the chancel vase are given:

~In loving memory of my parents, Darrell and Lorraine Rose. Dawn Epperson

chancel vases open for dedications March 2026

March 1, 2026....one (1)

March 8, 2026....one (1)

March 15, 2026 ...two(2)

March 22, 2026 ...one (1)

March 29, 2026.. two (2)

### Girl Scouts

**The girls Scouts will be in the fellowship hall selling Cookies after the worship service today!**

**Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday February 24 at 11:30AM at Pines Public House**

**11002 Nicholas Lane, Ocean Pines (South Gate entrance). All are invited for good food and fellowship.**

**Member Dawn Butler is looking for a new rental in Ocean City. If you know of something available, please let Dawn know.**

## Call to Confession:

In our lives, we have been in need of forgiveness. God has given us clear instruction in God's word, and God gave us the perfect example in Jesus Christ. God fills us with the Holy Spirit to comfort and to direct our steps. But still we stray. Still we choose our own paths rather than what God has told us is best for us and for all of God's world. And so, in the company of these saints, we confess our own failings.

## Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, we pray to you to confess our shortcomings. We have clung to our burdens too tightly, and let them limit us. We have failed to carry the burdens of others, whenever we can. Sometimes, we don't even see, or want to see, the struggle of others. At other times, we see others' burdens but tell ourselves that their problems are not our responsibility. We hear your call to care for others, but we keep ourselves busy with ourselves. Not only have we held on to our burdens, but we have failed we ask your forgiveness. For all of these things, we ask for your forgiveness.

## Assurance of Pardon:

God has lightened our burdens, and given us a new path that will bring God's love to others. God has freed us from anything that prevents us from God's love for the world. The word of God is clear: God releases us from our burdens, even the one we caused with our own sins. Christ empowers us to set aside the weight we have carried, and calls us away the sin that entangles. Rest in this assurance: by Christ's power and love, we are set free, and our sins have been forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

\* Gloria Patri (unison) #622

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

\* Doxology (unison) #625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem:

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, open our ears to your teaching, so that our mouths can learn to sing your praise, our feet can learn to follow your steps, and our hands can do your work in this world.

1st Scripture reading: Romans 5:15-17

(p.1116 in pew Bible)

Elder Vicky Cairns

2nd Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

(p. 957 in pew Bible)

Pastor Jon Berquist

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

Pastor Jon Berquist

Sermon "Suddenly Angels"

Pastor Jon Berquist

\* Hymn: "Forty Days and Forty Nights" # 77

(Blue Hymnal)

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed) (Unison)  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
(unison)

\* Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

# 281 (Blue Hymnal)

Charge

Benediction

Response

Postlude

*Music license: CCLI-#1650329.*

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