

# WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876  
Julia Roll, Organist  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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Amy Martindale, Principal Vocalist

**March 9, 2025**

**GATHERING TIME** (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009>  
Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

## WELCOME & PRELUDE

God is Good. **All the time.** & All the time. **God is good.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**P: The journey begins in the wilderness.**

L: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**P: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

L: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**P: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt, mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **Thanks be to God!**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 9

**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.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

Assurance of God's Protection

<sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, <sup>2</sup>will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, <sup>10</sup>no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. <sup>15</sup>When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. <sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**YOUTH MESSAGE****"Resisting Temptation"****SPECIAL MUSIC****SECOND READING** Luke 4:1-13 The Testing of Jesus

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>9</sup> Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON****"Until the Next Opportunity"****HYMN****"Be Still, My Soul" No. 97 (See attached)****ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**CALL TO OFFERING - PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**HYMN****"Take the Name of Jesus with You" No. 127 (See attached)****CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

**Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.**

**Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.**

**May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.**

## Be Still, My Soul

*Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10*

> 1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa-tient-  
 2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth un-der-take To guide the  
 3. Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to  
 fu-ture as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-  
 be for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment,

or-der and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful  
 dence let noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be  
 grief, and fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est

will re-main. Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'n-ly  
 bright at last. Be still, my soul; the waves and wind still  
 joys re-stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are

Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
 know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.  
 past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

# Take the Name of Jesus with You 127

Whatever you do...do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Colossians 3:17



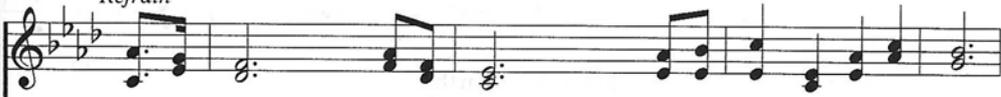
1. Take the name of Je - sus with you, Child of sor - row and of woe.
2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er, As a shield from ev - 'ry snare.
3. O the pre - cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, Fall - ing pros - trate at His feet,



It will joy and com - fort give you; Take it, then, wher - e'er you go.  
 If temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, Breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.  
 When His lov - ing arms re - ceive us, And His songs our tongues em - ploy!  
 King of Kings in heav'n we'll crown Him When our jour - ney is com - plete.



*Refrain*



Pre - cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n!  
 Pre - cious name, O how sweet!



Pre - cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n!  
 Pre - cious name, O how sweet, how sweet!

