

March 15, 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Live as Children of the Light

People: Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Leader: The Lord of life is lifted up!

People: Let us look to Christ and live.

All: Shine on us, O Lord!

*HYMN #475 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI 581

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM *"Wade in the Water"* by, Max Exner

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN SERMON

Patty Oakley

SERMON *"Finding Out"*

Rev. Dr. Morgan Whitfield, Jr.

*HYMN #69 *"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 35 Apostles' Creed

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 LORDS 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

OFFERING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #749 *"Come! Live in the Light!"*

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

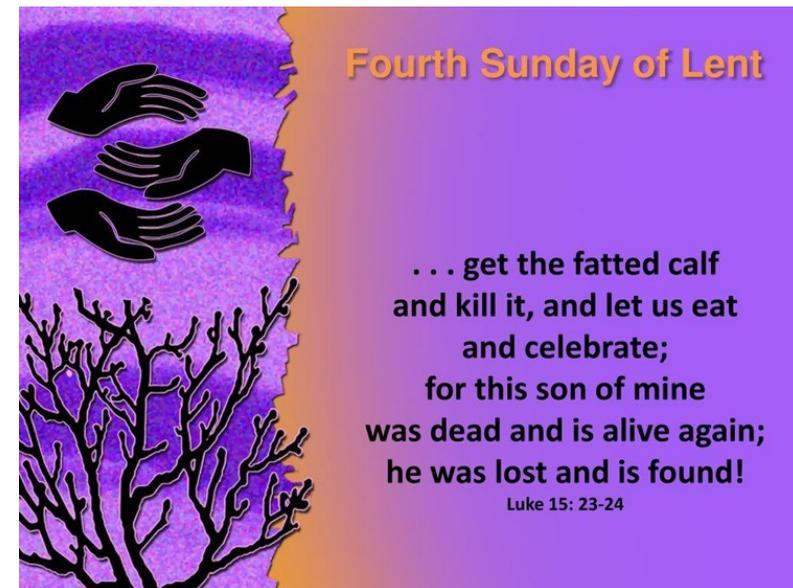
(ASTERISK* please stand in body or spirit. BOLD indicates congregational response)

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Session

David A. Young, Clerk of the Session

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
John Herndon	Coleman Thomas	Debbie Chase
Bonnie Hayes	David Ferrell	Joan Hannah
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REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

CONGREGATION: Richard Robertson, Linda Coyle, Sherry & Ty Oxley, Jim Coulthard, Judy Hood, Diane Bibb.

FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION: Al & Eleanor Harris (friends of Jimmie Parish), Trey and Christina Wall (son & daughter in law of Dot Wall), Elizabeth Klein (friend of Steve Willis), John Simmons (friend of Charlie & Wilma Allen), Lori Abercrombie Wills (friend of Dot Wall), Asa Peeples (grandson of Don Makin), Nancy Zingelmann (resident of Highland Ridge Nursing Home), David Coulthard (brother of Jim Coulthard), Bobby Jenkins (Uncle to Jill Alderman), Dick & Laura Stanton (Gwen Whitfield's parents), Mark & Vickie Williams (friends of Dot Wall), Heath Puckett (friend of Coley Thomas), Robert Morris (commissioned lay pastor of Old Brick Presbyterian Church and friend of Whisonant's), Mary Ann Williams (friend of Diane Bibb), David Dawson & Family (friend of Coley Thomas), Family of Shirley Armentrout (Mother of Scott), The Raccuia Family (friend of Owen Dunn), Chris Hill (friend of Pam Valet).

Head Ushers for March 2026

March 1, 8 BJ Munsey
March 15, 22, 29 Carol White

**March 17th-2 pm-@PCR-Lent Reading
7 pm- Session**

March 22 – coffee Group 2

March 24th -@PCR-Lent Reading

March 28 – 10 am – Necessities Pantry

March 29th – 4pm – Radford University Choir-PCR sanctuary (2026 Concert Series)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTES

Masking in Worship—Masking in worship and Sunday School will be optional. This policy is subject to change if there is another surge in COVID.

Lenten Reading “What Every Church Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty” During Lent PCR and Grace Episcopal Church are going to join together and read and study this book. Used copies of the book has been ordered and are available for the suggested donation of \$12. At each church when the books arrive. We will meet Tuesday in Lent at 2:00.

Easter Baskets for the Children’s Home of the Highlands will be packed by Fellowship Circle after worship on March 22. The home currently has six girls, five boys, and three young adults as residents. We are asking for donations of Easter candy, snacks, small toys and any other appropriate gifts for the baskets. As usual, there are labeled boxes in the church office and parlor for donations. Thank You!

Pastor Morgan & Gwen will be in Atlanta GA for the NCAA Championship on March 23-March 30. Rev. Don Makin will be bringing the message on March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday.

Presbyterian Church of Radford Concert Series.

March 29th—4:00 pm—Radford University Choir will be performing in PCR sanctuary all are WELCOME. Interim Director of Choral Activities Ryan C. Rogers.

Choral music thrives at Radford University, with three ensembles performing a variety of music throughout the year within the beautiful acoustics of the Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center for the Visual and Performing Arts. Opportunities abound to perform locally and to travel regionally, nationally, and internationally. In February 2020, the Radford Singers traveled to New York City to sing on the highly acclaimed stage at Carnegie Hall.

All ensembles perform repertoire from a broad variety of cultures, styles, and historical periods. Concerts range from performances of well-known masterworks to themed programs, drawing diverse repertoire into an artistic, socially-conscious dialogue on a particular topic, event, or social justice issue.