

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday February 25, 2024
The Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE Rob Johns
PASTORAL WELCOME Rev. Carson Montgomery
ANNOUNCEMENTS Holly Massey

CALL TO WORSHIP Holly Massey
Leader: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,
All: the courageous and the fearful,
Leader: the hungry and the hopeful,
All: the impatient and the reserved.
Leader: God welcomes the young and the old,
All: the poets and the prophets,
Leader: the faithful and the tired,
All: the curious and the convicted.
Leader: Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea, there is room for all to gather here.
All: This is God's house.
Leader: Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

*HYMN NO. 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

CALL TO CONFESSION Holly Massey
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All: Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Holly Massey
Leader: Family of faith, you could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting, Christ is always walking toward you. So hear and believe this good news: God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved. God is always walking toward you.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 475

**Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood.**

ANTHEM Shall We Gather at the River - Choir
Edie Hawkins - Solo

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Carson Montgomery

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Carson Montgomery
OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 22: 23-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 14: 22-33
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Wandering Heart: Rescue Me from Danger**
Rev. Carson Montgomery

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (written by Rev. Sarah Are Speed)
I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage. I believe in a God who invites me to be brave. I believe in a God whom the

wind and waves obey. I believe in a God who knows my name. I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid. Amen.

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS Rev. Carson Montgomery
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE 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; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Creator God, all that you have created, even the winds and the seas, stand in awe of your glory. Bless the offerings of our collective energy, passions, and treasures so that our community and your wider world will praise your faithfulness. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 693 Though I May Speak

*BENEDICTION Rev. Carson Montgomery

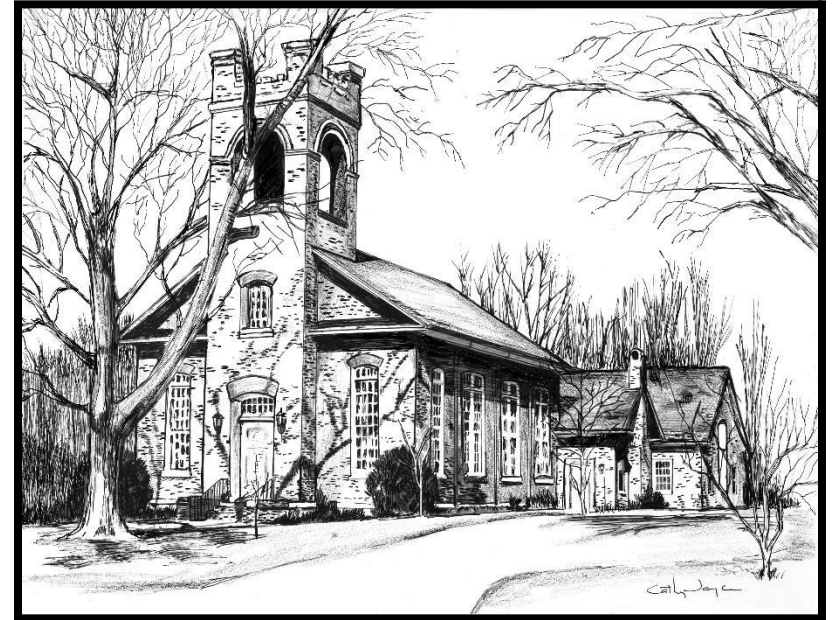
*Stand as you are able

All liturgy and prayers written by Rev. Sarah Are Speed. Lenten Series Theme, "Wandering Heart" from Sanctified Art, LLC.

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Elder of the Day

This week Craig Denton Next Week: Laura Clark

Happy FEBRUARY Birthday to YOU!

4 – Jim Garrison	17 – Stuart J. Graham
5 – Jim Massey	17 – Roy Sansbury
5 – Mika Sinclair	21 – Jeff Bean
10 – Genevieve Cook	29 – Nancy Garrison

Announcements

Sunday Feb 25 10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
7:00pm Presbyterian Women’s Evening Group

Wednesday Feb 28 12:00pm Free Soup Lunch

Van Wyck Presbyterian Church desires to create opportunities of connection with our wider community of Van Wyck. Come enjoy homemade soup and savor God's radical hospitality on Wednesdays from 12:00pm – 1:00pm during Lent.

The next Lunch Bunch will gather on March 7 at 1:00 pm at Smoking Rail. Please text or call Vivian Calcote at 423 383 1345 by Monday, March 4 if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there. Vivian

February Prayer List

Disciples: Toug Brunson, Annette Flanagan, Glenda Manus, Trudy Massey Walker, William Sims (surgery), Eloise Williams, Glenda Manus (surgery), Dianne Moore (surgery)

Friends: Amelia Davis, Sharon Foster, Patty Harris, Suzanne Patterson, Joan Powers, Gail Stogner, Ashby

Community: Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, our teachers and students

Providence Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church (Lancaster)
Rev. Edgar McCall

Wider World: The victims of mass shootings, Israel and Gaza, Libya, Maui, Turkey & Syria, Ukraine, Russia, our country and elected leaders

Youth: Cody Campbell, Harrison Cargill, Rachel Graham, Stuart Graham, Charlie Haynes, Alena Massey, Kate McCalmont

Vocational and College Students: Genevieve Cook, Carson Helms, Christian Moss, Ashley Overstreet, Devon Overstreet, Fritz Walker

Homebound Disciples: Eloise Williams, Vicky Lott

Session: Class of 2024: Linda Pelletier (Clerk), Laura Clark; Class of 2025: Holly Massey, Craig Denton; Class of 2026: Janet Campbell, Julie Graham

Staff: Donna Fox, Stuart Graham, Barbara McAfee, Janesta Williams, Rev. Carson Montgomery