

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor
Carla Zwicker, Liturgist
Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

4th Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. March 15, 2026
(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship **Psalm 66**

Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what the Lord has done for me.
I cried out to Him with my mouth, and He heard me.
Therefore His praise is on my tongue.

**If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;
but God has surely heard my prayer.
Praise be to God,
who has not rejected me,
and who has shown me His love.**

*Hymn #478, **“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”**

*Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins together:

**Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
keeping our light hidden and abiding only in ourselves.
We condone evil, prejudice, violence, and greed.
God of grace, help us to admit our sin,
so that as You come to us in mercy,
We may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is full of grace and mercy, slow to anger,
and abundant in loving kindness.
The Lord will not stay angry forever.
God has not repaid us according to our sins.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God’s loving kindness toward those who follow Him.
Friends, believe and share the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Gloria Patri

Team Jesus

Offering / Offertory Music

*Doxology #592

**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

Scripture Reading **Matthew 18: 21-25**, pg.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Power of Forgiveness”

*Hymn #345, **“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”**

* Prayers of the Community and 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #280, **“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

*Charge / Benediction

*Congregational Response (108 vs. 5) (Truro LM)

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good News to this and every age.
Till earth and sky and ocean ring,
With joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Postlude

**Indicates to stand as you are able – for everyone to rise in spirit.*

Welcome to Beulah! Christ calls us into community, so we are glad to be with you today. Everyone is invited to have refreshments, which are in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Stay for as little or as long as you like, but let someone know you are glad they are here! If you are interested in bringing some food to share, the sign-up book is by the sanctuary door. "This week, a special thank you to Carol Browning and all who brought 'green' refreshments."

New Members

Beulah thrives through the strength of its members. If you are ready to take the next step in your spiritual journey by joining the church, please talk with Dr. McDonald or call him at 402-480-3786. We will be welcoming a new member group in the very near future.

If you are interested in being a Liturgist at worship, contact any of the following:
 Donna Metzler, Bill Metzler, Tim Fritz,
 Cecil Ward, or Dennis Morgan.

*Lent - Palm Sunday -
 Maundy Thursday - Easter*

This week's Orion Area Lenten Service will be @ **Beulah Presbyterian Church this Friday, March 20** beginning with Worship @ noon, with a light lunch following.

Sunday, March 29 will be the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast after Worship. Donations will be accepted and will go to the building maintenance and improvement fund. We will be serving pancakes and sausage. Anyone who would be willing to help flip pancakes please talk to Bill or Donna Metzler.

April 2, Maundy Thursday Service & Potluck at CV Presbyterian

- 6:00pm Potluck Meal – Plan to attend – Sign-up sheet in Coffee area / signup deadline March 22. Food Options – Salad, Vegetable, Meat or Main Dish, or Dessert
- 7:00pm Worship Service

April 5, 9:00am, Easter Worship Service
 Jesus Christ is risen!
 He is risen indeed!

Beulah Calendar

Sunday March 15 9:00am - Worship / last day to donate to Orion's Easter Food Pantry after worship Green Dessert Day
 Friday March 20 noon Lenten Service & Lunch @ Beulah!
 Sunday March 22 9:00am Worship
 Maundy Thursday sign-up deadline
 Monday March 23 7:00pm Agape

Today is the last day to contribute toward the Orion Area Food Pantry's holiday meals for Easter. Thank you for either donating a food item or a monetary donation of \$36.45.

Easter Lilies

The deacons are currently taking orders for Easter lilies which will adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. They will cost \$15 each. To place an order, please contact Sherrill Hills, listing in whose memory each plant has been purchased. **Order deadline is March 26th.**

Thank you to everyone at Beulah

for the \$235 cash and hygiene products you donated for Sherrard Food Pantry for March and April. Operation Tiger (formerly Tiger Closet) also received 10 of each of the four hygiene products because of Beulah's generosity. Sherrard Community sent a BIG thank you and they very much appreciated the items donated. They will put them to good use.

Thank you Beulah!

2026 Annual Per Capita Presbytery Fee

Each year the Presbytery assesses the church a fee per member. For 2026, the Per Capita Fee is \$39.00. The church pays the Presbytery this fee based on the number of members. We are requesting each member to add \$39.00 to their church giving to cover this cost.

(This amount is not included in your 2026 Pledge.)

This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings

Ezek 37:1-14 Ps 130 Rom 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

Prayer List

Heather DeHaven Robert DeVries Martha Green
 Dylan Preston

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

Please Remember These Members in Your Prayers

- ♥ Louise Green
- ♥ Joyce King
- ♥ Don Paulsen
- ♥ Terry Vincent
- ♥ Jackie Williams

Double Your Gift to:

The Beulah United Presbyterian Church Endowment!

Instructions:

1. Go to website - <https://www.gccommunityfoundation.org/>
2. Click on top orange ribbon stating -
Double your impact-the 2026 Endowment Challenge is now open. Gifts are matched up to \$1,000 while funds remain. Make your gift today.
3. Search Funds –
The Beulah United Presbyterian Church Endowment
4. Donate up to \$1,000 which is matched while \$45,000 matching funds remain.

Matching Program:

Beginning March 9, the Quad Cities Community Foundation invites donors to double the impact of new endowment gifts through the **2026 Endowment Match Challenge** while also benefiting from state tax incentives. With \$45,000 in matching funds available, new endowment gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$1,000 per donor entity while funds remain

History:

The Beulah Session opened a \$10,000 endowment at the Quad-Cities Community Foundation on 26 January 2026. The advantages of this endowment will be further discussed in the future.

Questions:

See Finance Team member – Jon or Wanda Cross, Tim Fritz, or Dennis Morgan.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering

Collected on Easter Sunday, April 5

What does the One Great Hour of Sharing Do?

1. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32% of your gifts)**
 - Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.
2. **Presbyterian Hunger Program (36% of your gifts)**
 - Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
3. **Self-Development of People (32% of your gifts)**
 - Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice along with educating Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering Instructions

- *This Offering shall be collected on Easter Sunday, April 20 (Special envelopes shall be provided in the Easter Bulletin).*
 - **Cash Contributions** - *If your contribution is cash, it is important to use the OGHS envelopes. The **OGHS Offering envelope** will ensure your contribution will go to the **OGHS Offering** rather than the General Church Fund.*
 - **Check Contributions** - *If your contribution is by check, it is important to designate **OGHS Offering** in the memo field. The **OGHS Offering** in the memo field will ensure your contribution will go to the **OGHS Offering** rather than the General Church Fund.*
- *Thank you in advance for your OGHS donations (History: 2025 - \$2,035; 2024 - \$1,330; 2023 - \$ 1,370; 2022 - \$811; 2021 - \$727; 2020 - \$420; 2019 - \$397).*