

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor
Donna Metzler, Liturgist
Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

5th Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. March 22, 2026
(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship **Psalm 22**

My God, why are You so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry out, but You do not answer.

**I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my chest.**

You lay me in the dust of death.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
My help, come quickly to my aid!

**Deliver my soul from the sword.
Save me from the mouth of the lion!**

*Hymn #80, “**Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**”

*Scripture recognizes times of loss, discouragement and despair
through songs of lament, including Psalm 137. Please join together in
singing our version of that song.*

*Hymn #246, “**By the Babylonian Rivers**”

*Assurance

As it is written in the prophet Ezekiel,
“Hear the word of the Lord!” “O my people,
I am going to bring you up from your graves.
I will bring you back to your land and your home.
I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live.”
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 **Ezekiel 37:1— 14**, pg 806
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“A Rattling of Bones,
A Rush of Wind”**

*Hymn (*Insert*) “**Dry Bones**”

* 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 #332, “**Live into Hope**”

*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 Lynn Fritz."

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



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.

This week's Orion Area **Lenten Service** will be @ First Baptist Church this Friday, March 27 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 is today!
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!

Theme for today:

Our theme comes from the powerful story in Ezekiel, the valley of the dry bones. It happens during the time of the exile, when Israel had been captured and its people led off to a far land. The focus today is less on sin, and more on the sense of loss, discouragement and despair. When the people feel as if there is no possibility of a future, is there even any reason to hope? Out of their despair, the prophet Ezekiel does not just hear a word of the Lord. The Lord takes him in his arms, and puts him in a new place.

It is not a wonderful place. It is a battleground with bones all around. Which is to say, God speaks from the midst of our most hopeless places. Then and there, "Hear the word of the Lord!"

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	March 22	9:00am	Worship Maundy Thursday sign-up deadline
Monday	March 23	7:00pm	Agape
Thursday	March 26	11:30am	Deadline to order Easter Lilies Lunch @ O Kitchen, Orion
Friday	March 27	noon	Lenten Service & Lunch @ 1 st Baptist
Sunday	March 29	9:00am	Palm Sunday Worship after Worship Pancake Breakfast

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

Exciting Opportunity to Double Our Endowment

The Beulah Session opened a \$10,000 endowment at the Quad-Cities Community Foundation on January 26, 2026.

Beginning March 9, the Quad Cities Community Foundation invited donors to double the impact of new endowment gifts through the **2026 Endowment Match Challenge**. This also gives donors a benefit from reduced state tax incentives.

Currently, new endowment gifts to Beulah will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$1,000 per donor. There are \$45,000 in matching funds available to Beulah, so this is a unique and very short term opportunity. In short, if other organizations match their funds sooner, the “pool” of funds will not be available to us. Here is what you can do to **Double Your Gift to:**

The Beulah United Presbyterian Church Endowment!

Instructions:

1. Go to website - <https://www.qccommunityfoundation.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.

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).*