

St. John's Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Vision Statement

Worship God

Love One Another

Serve the World

Worship Participants

Elaine York, Pastor

Bob Baumez, Lay Reader

Susan Horst, Music Director

Sue Goodenow, Organist

Chancel Choir

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March 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

BOLD People's Response

GATHERING

PRELUDE (Sue Goodenow, Organist)

Prelude and Fugue

J.S. Bach

MOMENT OF RECOGNITION (Joan Jeffers)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS (Bob Baumez, Lay Reader)

Please sign our Ministry of Friendship pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Elaine York, Pastor)

Leader: O God, you are our God;

People: Our souls thirst for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary;

People: We have seen your power and glory.

Leader: Our lips will praise you as long as we live.

People: We lift up our hearts and call on your name! Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

People: And also with you.

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*HYMN

Glory Be to the Father

—The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 577; CCLI# 221194

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

THE WORD

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 63:1-8

Pew Bible, pg. 498

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 13:1-9

Pew Bible, pg. 71

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Thou Art Holy
Susan Horst, Music Director
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

MESSAGE

What Can We Learn from the Fig Tree

Elaine York, Pastor

*HYMN NO. 298 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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RECEIVING THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Softly and Tenderly

Setting by Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Prayers for our Future Pastor and Pastor Nominating Committee)

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.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 80 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

—The Presbyterian Hymnal; One License #30139119

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Guilmant

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE CIRCLE DRIVE? HERE'S THE SCOOP!

Several months ago, Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) informed St. John's that a 1997 Nevada state law is now being enforced across the county for all commercial buildings—including ours. This law requires the installation of a Back-Flow Valve (BFV) at the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) water meter.

Members of our Building & Grounds (B&G) Committee worked hard to get St. John's "grandfathered" in, but unfortunately, that was not an option. After an on-site meeting with Alexis Hill, Chair of the WC Commissioners, along with TMWA and NNPH representatives, as well as members of our B&G and Finance Committees, TMWA approved installing the BFV at the building rather than at the meter. NNPH granted us a deadline of March to complete the work.

Then, another challenge arose. In obtaining the required three bids for the project, no company would warrant connecting new copper pipe to the original 74-year-old galvanized pipe running from the meter to the building. Further inspection revealed signs of deterioration, raising concerns that the old pipe could fail, potentially shutting down the entire building for at least two weeks.

To prevent future issues, the decision was made to replace the line entirely—from the meter to the new BFV and up into the attic, where it connects to the existing copper line. Michael's Plumbing was awarded the project, permits have been secured, and work is now underway, with an expected completion date of March 28.

This important project is being funded through the Capital Improvement Fund. Thank you for your patience and support as we complete this necessary upgrade!

*Thank you for your patience and understanding,
St. John's Building and Grounds Committee*



Join us for Fellowship Time in Martin Hall after our worship service.

DONATE ONLINE



To donate using your mobile device, please scan the provided QR code, which will direct you to our secure online donation page. We kindly request that all online donations be completed before the 27th of each month. This timing ensures that your contribution is processed and reflected in the correct month's records, as end-of-month donations may not be transferred to our account in time, potentially affecting your year-end totals. By donating prior to the 27th, you help maintain accurate accounting and acknowledgment of your generosity.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13:	10:30 am Palm Sunday Service
April 17:	5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Light Supper/Communion Service (Martin Hall)
April 18:	7:00 pm Good Friday Service
April 20:	10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am Easter Worship Service

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE is delighted to share the results of our Souper Bowl of Caring campaign! Thanks to your generosity, 372 pounds of non-perishable food were delivered to St. Vincent's Food Pantry. In addition, a monetary offering of \$3,953 was collected and sent to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

Thank you, St. John's, for your incredible support! Your kindness and generosity embody the love of Jesus Christ, bringing hope to those in need. This is exactly the message of our Lenten Bible study from Luke—serving others as Christ calls us to do.

ST JOHN'S EASTER EGG HUNT will be Easter Morning - April 20th at 10:00 am. Children 12 years of age and under are welcome to enjoy the hunt this year. We will have the little ones (6 and under) hunting in the Memorial Garden area and the older children (7-12) hunting near the playground. We are also collecting donations of plastic eggs and wrapped candy to make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a success!

How You Can Help:

- Donate plastic eggs and wrapped candy.
- Join us in Martin Hall after Sunday service to help stuff eggs (through April 13th).
- Volunteer on Easter morning at 9 AM to hide eggs and assist with the hunt.

Your support makes this event special for the children—thank you for being a part of it!

ST. JOHN'S SPRING WORK DAY

Join us as we spruce up St. John's for spring: Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. There will be plenty of tasks for all skill levels, so bring your gloves, tools, and energy. Many hands make light work—plus, it is a great way to enjoy fellowship while caring for our church grounds. We appreciate your help and hope to see you there!

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE

The Pastor Nominating Committee thought it would be helpful to share the process for selecting a new pastor. The Presbyterian Church maintains a pastor-search website which functions much like an online dating site. The website contains profiles of Presbyterian churches who are searching for pastors and profiles of pastors who are searching for a church placement. Our first PNC task was to prepare the St. John's profile. This involved writing essays which give prospective pastors insights into St. John's. We completed the profile in December and submitted it to St. John's Session and the Nevada Presbytery for approvals. Once approved, the St. John's profile went live on the website in January.

After our profile was posted, two things began to happen: First, the website sent us a list of job-seeking pastors who were computer matched to St. John's based on criteria in our mutual profiles. Additionally, we have had 6 pastors contact us with their interest in St. John's. So far, we have reviewed 40 candidate profiles. When a candidate's profile appeals to us, we search online for sermons that they have preached and study them. Next, we schedule Zoom-meeting interviews with candidates who could be a good match and are interested in St. John's.

We are blessed to have good candidates to consider. While we pray that God will help us discover the ideal pastoral candidate asap, we know that it will happen in God's time. We appreciate your patience and understanding through the process. Please continue to pray for our church, the PNC members, and our future pastor!

HELPING OUR LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS

St. John's Presbyterian Church will be collecting items again for the senior residents of Sierra Manor. See the list below. Items can be dropped off at St. John's Presbyterian Church Office Entrance (circular driveway, located on Plumb Lane).

Drop—off Dates/Times

Donated items will be picked up and delivered to Sierra Manor on **March 27, 2025**. Please drop off *perishable items by 9:00 am on this day.

Food Items

*Bagels
*Cheese Sticks
Canned Chicken

Self Care Items

Depends (Women Size XLG)

This Week at St. John's Presbyterian Church
March 23—30, 2025

Sun. Mar. 23		
<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>		
8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
9:15 am	Lenten Bible Study	Clawson Memorial Library
10:00 am-10:30 am	Clawson Memorial Library Open	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship/Coffee Time	Martin Hall
12:00 pm-12:30 pm	Clawson Memorial Library Open	
1:30 pm	Toccata Orchestra Rehearsal	Music Room
Mon. Mar. 24		
9:30 am	AlAnon-Monday Morning Wake-Up	Martin Hall
6:00 pm	Pack 10	Geneva Room
6:30 pm	Bella Voce Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tues. Mar. 25		
1:00 pm	AlAnon-Family Group	Martin Hall
6:00 pm	Session	Geneva Room
6:30 pm	Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band	D104, 106, 108
Wed. Mar. 26		
11:30 am	Newcomers Artist	Martin Hall
1:00 pm	The Other Brothers Two Band Rehearsal	Music Room
5:00 pm	The Buttckickers Group of NicA	Clawson Memorial Library
6:00 pm	Coyote Crossing Band Rehearsal	D104,106,108
6:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Wednesday Night Beginner's Group	Geneva Room
Thurs. Mar. 27		
3:30 pm	Sierra NV. Children's Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 10	Martin Hall
Fri. Mar. 28		
No Events Scheduled		
Sat. Mar. 29		
1:00 pm	Living Church of God	Martin Hall
7:00 pm	Back to Basics-Alcoholics Anonymous	Martin Hall
Sun. Mar. 30		
8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
10:00 am-10:30 am	Clawson Memorial Library Open	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 pm-12:30 pm	Clawson Memorial Library Open	
11:30 am	Fellowship/Coffee Time	Martin Hall
11:45 am	Vacation Bible School Meeting	Clawson Memorial Library
3:00 pm	Tahoe Symphony Concert	Sanctuary

Church Calendar Website

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=c3Rqb2huc3ByZXNjaHVyY2hAZ21haWwuY29t>

Staff

The Rev. Kent Meads, Interim Pastor
Elaine York, Pastor
Maria Winchester, Administrative Assistant
Liz Salas, Financial Secretary
Lucas Parke, Security Sexton
Ann Peterson, Librarian

Music Staff

Susan Horst, Music Director
David Brock, Organist

Elders

Class of 2025

Aaron Karr, Multi Media
Doris Krater, Finance; Co-Chair
Amy Willoughby, Nominating
Elaine York, Fellowship and Nurture

Class of 2026

Nancy Lim (2nd Term), Missions
Stan Peck, Membership/Welcoming
Kathryn Smith, Christian Education
Stan White, Building and Grounds

Class of 2027

Rick McElreath, Finance; Co-Chair
John Dutton (2nd Term)
St. John's Children's Center
Rew Goodenow (2nd Term), Personnel
Winnie Kortemeier (2nd Term), Worship

Deacons

Class of 2025

Joan Jeffers
Ann Peterson
June Rosta
Ron Scovill

Class of 2026

Ann McElreath, Chair
Sarah Deardorff (2nd Term)
John Mahon
Marc Ullom

Class of 2027

Judy Mahon (2nd Term)
Carole Meiners
Tricia Murray
Bev Zakariassen (2nd Term)

Pastor Nominating Committee

Dale Clark, Chair
John Dutton, Vice Chair
Jann Carmichael, Secretary
Kelley Bottomley, Treasurer

Sue Goodenow
Sarah Deardorff
Nancy Lim
Marc Ullom

Multi Media Team

Aaron Karr, Chair
John Dutton
Lucas Parke
Chyannah Rowe, Staff
Maria Winchester, Staff