



Resistance Part Three: Clothing

Celebration of Worship
February 22, 2026

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10:30 am

First Sunday of Lent

Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening

Give Me Jesus
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Marques L. A. Garrett

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Karen Robu

Introit

Kyrie Eleison

Traditional Latin

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Let's Walk Together

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*Responsive Reading

Chris Bennett

One: When we are afraid of the wilderness,

All: God's love is courageous.

One: When systems of exploitation ask us to join in the ways of power-over,

All: God's resistance is sturdy and steadfast.

One: When we feel destructive ways banging on the door of our hearts,

All: God protects us, shouting "Away!"

One: When sorrow threatens to pull us under,

All: God encircles us with Holy Presence.

One: Let us worship God who does not leave us stranded,

All: but joins us as Protector, Companion, Compass, and Hope.

*Response of Praise

The Glory of these Forty Days

WAREHAM



The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate with songs of praise, for



Christ, by whom all things were made, him - self — has fast - ed and — has prayed.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Holy One, we ache to feel your presence among us. We long for clarity - how do we get from where we are to a world of peace and justice? The barriers are both global and deeply personal. In our own hearts, we are torn between the familiar and the unknown. We crave stability and also transformation. Give us strength and courage to enter the vulnerability of the unknown and reach toward a future more loving and free. Give us the strength and courage to live out the prayer that Jesus taught.

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, they 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.

Scripture Readings

Matthew 3:1-6

In those days John the Baptizer appeared preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, "Repent, for the realm of the heavens has come near." For this is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Holy One; make straight the paths of God.' "

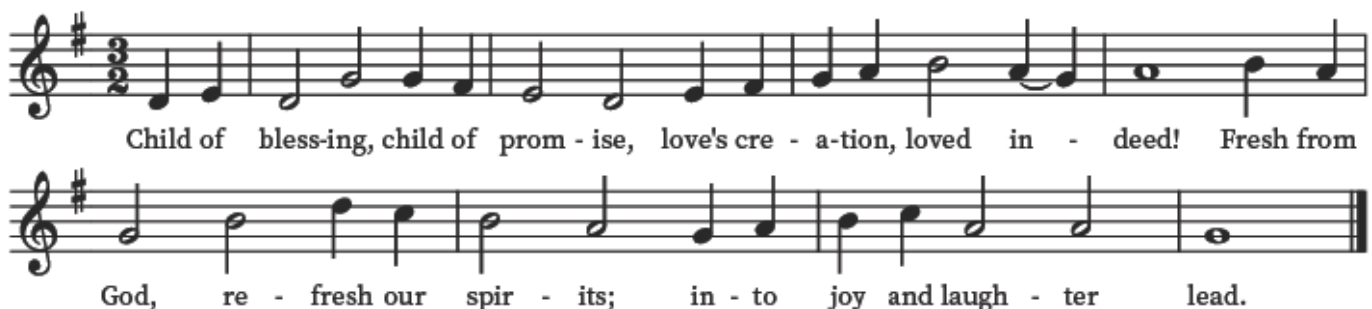
Now John's clothing was camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. The people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him along with the whole region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sin

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

(Let the children come forward.)



Child of bless-ing, child of prom - ise, love's cre - a-tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from
God, re - fresh our spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

God Remembers When the World Forgets Carrie Jacobs-Bond
José Lopez, soloist

How many gardens in this world of ours
old blossoms that have never come to flowers?
A sudden wind comes coldly by—
The rose tree bids its fairest bud good-bye.

How many ships of our go out to sea
In search of havens that shall tranquil be?
The storms of fate their fairest hopes o'er set,
And there is naught to do except forget.

How many wear a smile upon their face
Although their hearts may hold an empty place?
None know the heights nor depths of their regrets,
But God remembers when the world forgets.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Love Will Rise Again
Aubrie Culver, soloist

Mark Miller

I won't give up on you. Don't give up on me.
I won't give up on all that seems so out of reach.
I believe in love. I believe in you.
We'll hold each other to the light, and we will see this through.
As the sun rises, so will love. Voices are rising, so will love.
We will never give up. We will overcome.
We will remember all the good we thought was gone.
We believe in love. We believe in truth.
We'll hold each other to the light, and we will see this through.
Given the chance our love will rise. Given the chance our love will rise
I believe in forgiveness, and I won't stop giving,
I'll sing of all the things that make our lives worth living.
We will sing through loss. We will sing through the pain.
We'll hold each other through the night, and love will rise!
We will sing Hallelujah! We will shout for Joy!
We'll sing of all that fear and hate cannot destroy.
We will sing through loss. We will sing through the pain.
We'll hold each other through our tears, and love will rise again!

Sermon

“Resistance Part Three: Clothing ”

Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure**

Home by Another Road

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Benediction*Closing Voluntary**

Fantasy on *Walk Together, Children*

arr. Andre Thomas

***Please stand in body, or in spirit**

**Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the service
for coffee, cookies and lemonade!**

Let's Walk Together

WELCOME 8.6.8.6.7.7 with refrain

E A/E B A

1 Let's walk to-gether - er for a while, and ask where
 2 Let's talk to-gether - er of a time when we will
 3 Let's dream to-gether - er of the day when earth and

B C#m E A/E

we be - gin to build a world where love can grow,
 share a feast, where pride and pow - er kneel to serve
 heav'n are one, a cit - y built of love and light,

B A B E D

and hope can en - ter in, to be the hands of
 the lone - ly and the least, and joy will set the
 the new Je - ru - sa - lem, where mourn - ing turns to

C#m F# B sus B

heal - ing, and to plant the seed of peace,
 ta - ble as we join our hands to pray,
 danc - ing, ev - 'ry crea - ture lifts its voice,

Refrain

B/D# E A B

sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in -

B E A/C# B

vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are

Bm9 E7 Amaj7 A B F#/A# F#

wel - come, the love of God to share, 'cause

F#m7 A B C#m C#m7

all of us are wel - come here;

F#m A E (☺) Last time

all are wel - come in this place.

(☺) Last time

Home By Another Road

Words by Lindy Thompson & Mark A. Miller
Music by Mark A Miller

with joy, starting on a new adventure

1. You taught my heart what love can be, so I'm head-ed back home by a - no ther road. I
2. God's peo - ple on the move a - gain, and we're head-ed back home by a - no-ther road. The
3. Still wor - ship - ping we're on the way, and we're head-ed back home by a - no-ther road. We'll

once was bound, but now am free, so I'm head-ed back home by a - no ther road.
power of love has made us kin, and we're head-ed back home by a - no-ther road.
hold each - oth - er's hearts this day, and we're head-ed back home by a - no-ther road.

Join me now, the road is wide, all God's chil - dren
Join me now, the road is wide, all God's chil - dren

side by side, where jus - tice will shine and love a - bide, we're
side by side, where jus - tice will shine and love a - bide, we're

head-ed back home by a - no - ther road, yes, we're head-ed back home by a - no - ther road.
head-ed back home by a - no - ther road, yes, we're head-ed back home by a - no - ther road.

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A Taste of Ireland
6 pm
Sunday, March 15, 2025

An evening of Irish food, beverages, and music.
Featuring the group, Mead's Ghost.

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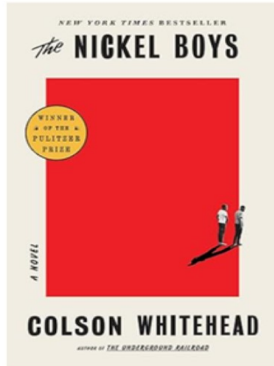
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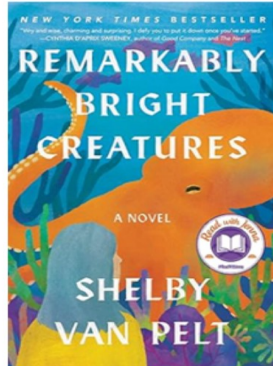
FOLLOWING WED NIGHT DINNER

Progressive Pilgrims' Book Club

FEB 25



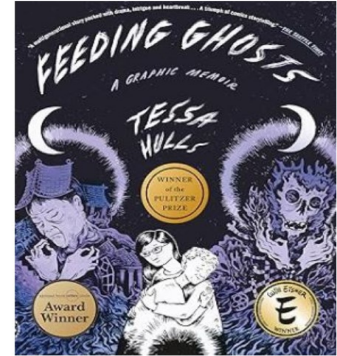
MAR 25



APR 22



MAY 27



ADULT WORKSHOP

Tuesdays in March:
March 3, 10, 17, 24

1:00 to 2:30 pm



All are welcome!

**“Embracing our Aging:
Gentle Reflections and Soulful Practices for Good Grief Work”**

Led by Carol Hull

Since 1965 Carole Pocza Hull has served sequentially as an educator (youth and adult), a hospice program director, a retreat presenter, and since 1985, has concurrently offered spiritual direction/companionship. She is now 'mostly' retired.

Getting to know your Deacons!

Have you looked at the bulletin board lately?

There are photos of the deacons as children. We want you to guess who we are. There is an envelope with blank forms and another one for your completed forms. Be sure to put your name on your answer sheet. We may (?) have prizes for those who get all correct. Questions?
Ask Cindy Perkins.



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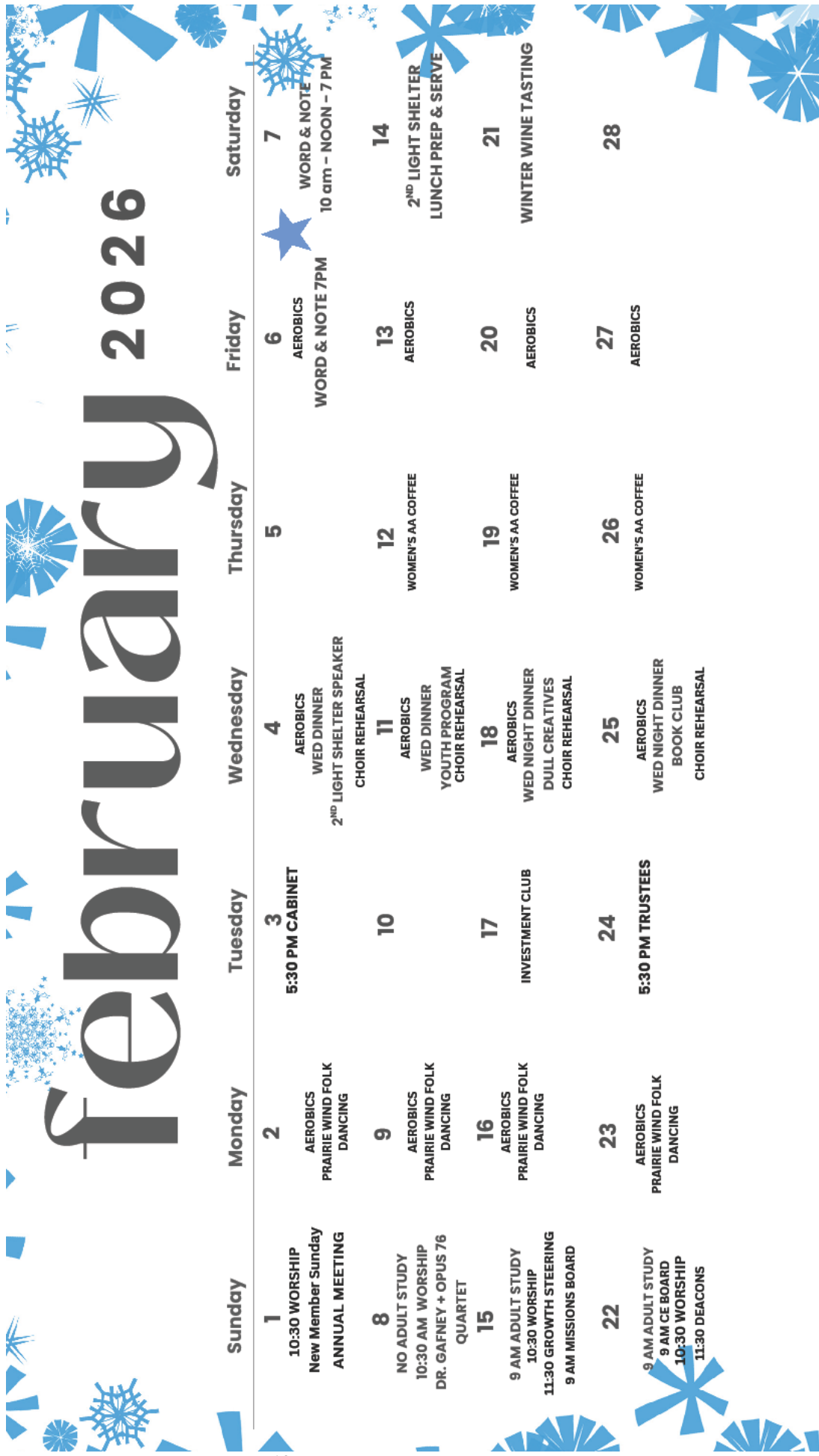
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 Karen English

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Ethan Anderson
 Rowan Young
 Curtis LaGree
 Ingrid Gill

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 Feb 24
 Feb 25

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 WORSHIP New Member Sunday ANNUAL MEETING	2 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	3 5:30 PM CABINET	4 AEROBICS WED DINNER 2 ND LIGHT SHELTER SPEAKER CHOIR REHEARSAL	5 AEROBICS	6 AEROBICS WORD & NOTE 7PM	7 WORD & NOTE 10 am - NOON - 7 PM
8 NO ADULT STUDY 10:30 AM WORSHIP DR. GAFNEY + OPUS 76 QUARTET	9 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	10 AEROBICS	11 AEROBICS WED DINNER YOUTH PROGRAM CHOIR REHEARSAL	12 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	13 AEROBICS	14 2 ND LIGHT SHELTER LUNCH PREP & SERVE
15 9 AM ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 GROWTH STEERING 9 AM MISSIONS BOARD	16 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	17 INVESTMENT CLUB	18 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER DULL CREATIVES CHOIR REHEARSAL	19 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	20 AEROBICS	21 WINTER WINE TASTING
22 9 AM ADULT STUDY 9 AM CE BOARD 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 DEACONS	23 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	24 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	25 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER BOOK CLUB CHOIR REHEARSAL	26 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	27 AEROBICS	28 AEROBICS