

Clinton Presbyterian Church



the good news is...

so good, it catches
us by surprise

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The mission of the Clinton Presbyterian Church

is to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in our church, community and the world.

We do this by welcoming ALL

who want to worship and learn about the love of God.

We welcome people of all ages, sizes, races,

orientations, gender identities, ethnicities and financial statuses.

Come, let's journey together as we live out our mission to reflect, grow and serve!

February 22, 2026 - 11:00 am

First Sunday of Lent ~ Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

PART I: THE PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE

Welcome

Amanda Nevius

Prelude

Jennifer Bastien

Call to Worship

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert, water turned into wine,
love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive, hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing,
and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in.

There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

Let us worship this good-news God.

Passing of the Peace

Gathering in Praise #252 "Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, somewhere along the way
we picked up the message that in order to be faithful,
we have to be serious.**

We have to pray on our knees without ceasing.

We have to be somber in worship

and quiet in our studies.

We have to check our wiggles

and our questions at the door.

But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed.

You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant.

And all of a sudden, we wonder:

Can we be like that mustard seed?

Can we be faithful and unruly?

Can we be playful and curious?

Can we be messy and still be yours?

We know the answer already.

The Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of course.

Forgive our doubt.

Pull us closer into your embrace.

With faith like a mustard seed, we pray.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*God's grace is wild and unruly.
God's mercy is abundant and surprising.
God's love is expansive and unending.
So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?"*

of course, of course, of course

of course, of course, of course.
This is the good news of the gospel.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn #469 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Students and Teachers are invited to go to Sunday School

PART II: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading John 2:1-11 Worship Leader

Refrain #469 “Lord of All Hopefulness” Jenn Bastien

Scripture Reading Matthew 12:31-32 David Leigond

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PART III: THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Hymn** See insert “In a Neat and Tidy Garden” Jenn Bastien

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

God of Mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Start with gratitudes!

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Doxology #147

*Prayer of Dedication

Worship Leader

Announcements

- Please leave a note for Gary if you see any cleaning issues.
- Upcoming:

○ Today - Goo