

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
AT SWIFT CHURCH  
*Third Sunday in Lent*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “As the Deer”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Jan Taylor  
Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul  
thirsts for you;  
**People: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and  
weary land where there is no water.**  
Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
**People: Because your steadfast love is better than  
life, my lips will praise you.**  
Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift  
up my hands and call on your name.

\*HYMN #202 “Amazing Grace”

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
*Silent Prayer “Teach Me To Pray”*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick  
to judge others and slow to make changes in our  
own lives. We confess that we have focused on  
others’ shortcomings instead reforming our own.**

**Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to  
perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead  
to abundant life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**People: And also with you.**

\*RESPONSE #335 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”  
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Luke 13:1–9

SECOND READING Isaiah 55:1–9

RESPONSE  
Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of  
God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Imagination”  
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #425 “In the Garden”

*\*please stand as you are able*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
(From the Brief Statement of Faith)  
**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the  
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in  
the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom  
alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus  
Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed  
the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives, teaching by word and  
deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and  
binding up the brokenhearted, eating with  
outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent  
and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for  
blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his  
life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus  
from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking  
the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death  
to life eternal. With believers in every time and  
place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can  
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus  
our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN #429 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

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.**

## OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Offertory “Step by Step”*

### \*RESPONSE #625 “Doxology”

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 AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

### SENDING

### \*HYMN #344 “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

### \*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

### \*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?  
**People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim  
Christ’s love and grace through serving and  
nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

### \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“I’ll Fly Away”

Music is licensed through CCLI.



Please join us  
in the fellowship hall  
for refreshments  
immediately after worship!

## THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

### Sunday, March 23

Sunday School, 9:00am  
Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

### Tuesday, March 25

Choir Practice, 4:30pm  
Sanctuary

### Wednesday, March 26

Prayer Group, 9:00am  
Chapel

Food Pantry  
10:00–11:00am  
Fellowship Hall

Lent Bible Study, noon  
Annex Room 2

### Thursday, March 27

Lenten Lunches, noon  
Pine Street Park, Foley

## LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor  
Jenni Cain, Pianist  
Sena Cooper, Office Assistant  
Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant  
Jessica Hammontree, Preschool Director

# Welcome to Swift Church

March 23, 2025

*Striving to bring God joy!*



We proclaim Christ’s love and  
grace through serving and nurturing  
body, mind, and soul.

**Swift Presbyterian Church**  
23208 Swift Church Road  
[www.swiftchurch.org](http://www.swiftchurch.org)

[office@swiftchurch.org](mailto:office@swiftchurch.org) (251) 943-8367 [www.swiftchurch.org](http://www.swiftchurch.org)