

The Lord's Day
Sunday, March 15, 2026
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Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, Thank you for being our Shepherd, guiding us through life's valleys with love and protection. When we feel overwhelmed by fear, anxiety, or uncertainty, remind us that You are always with us. Help us to rest in Your peace, trust in Your presence and see the blessings You've prepared, even in challenging times.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

This Morning's Message

Reverend Brian Snyder

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

The Dillabough Family For Their Loss

Nathan • Jayden • Frank Arquette • Declan Bellinger
Michelle Stevens • Andrea & Kian Ebdon • Samuel Gibbs
Tim & Cindy Allen • Michelle Shipman • Darlene Pickett
Brian Brown • Erick Gibbs & Family • David Snay • Julia Allen
Bill Rumph • Hunter Stoffel • Steve Woods • Shirley Cleary
Sarah Whaley • Gary Cleary • Peggy Bartosek • Dustin Bush
Ron & Betty Lou Pickett • Dale Reid • Wanda Hutchinson
Gracie • Paula & Carl Steele • Amber Baltz • Matthew Whaley
Benjamin Roach • Karen Sitterly • Roz Redden • Our Pastors
Erin Walker • Donald Hillman • Cathy Hoffman • Linda McNeely
Brad Bixby • Unserved Loved Ones • Eli Clafin • Nancy Lobdell
Jimmy Bellville • Joshua Johnson • Jeff Church • Mark Freeden
Stanley Perzan • Beverly Snyder • Doug Peterson • Shaun Hull

**MISSIONS: JOHN WHITE, REGROUP MINISTRY TO PASTORS
ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL**

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, March 22, 2026

***Greeters:* Karen Snyder / Laurie Bulluck**

***Security:* Fred Poole / Cristina Davis / Volunteer Needed**

Today, March 15, 11:15 AM: Security Meeting

Walking in the Gym: Now starts at 8:00am, Mon. Wed. & Fri.

Monday, March 16, 6:00 PM: Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, March 17, 9:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 PM: Pastor Terry's Discipleship class

Wednesday, March 18, 1:00 PM: Jeannie's Bible Study

Sundays, 4:00 PM: Pastor Brian's Discipleship class

Sundays, 4:00 PM: Youth Group grades 5th—12th

Sundays, March 29, 12:00 PM: Senior Lunch & Fun—sign up

Volunteers Needed: to make Soup, Sandwiches & Dessert for Senior Lunch Day, on Sunday, March 29—sign up if you can help

Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 PM: Grief Share Support Group, please sign up at the welcome desk.

Psalm 23

Six perfect verses that teaches us so much about our life with God.

The Lord is My Shepherd, describes a God who is not distant, but one who takes a personal interest in our lives; a God who cares for us deeply, and who takes care of us daily. The Lord is our Shepherd, and that is a wonderful Gift.

I shall Not Want, this is one of the keys to our life with God: Learning to find in God, everything that we could ever want. It is a goal of where God wants to take us. When we can get to a place, where we realize that God is all we need. He is enough.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside Still Waters, He doesn't just lead us to still waters—He is the still water. Still waters are not just a location, but a state of being in which the follower rests in God's presence.

He restores My Soul, our souls need constant restoration and this is something that only God can do. That is how our souls are restored—by coming to Jesus, by learning from him. All we have to do is accept his invitation and our restored souls will find rest.

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Psalm 23 (con't)

He leads me in paths of Righteousness for his Name's Sake, Jesus promises to lead you and guide you on the right path. All we have to do is follow him. Everyday spend time with Jesus; learn from him. Listen to his voice, follow him and trust him to lead you.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will feel no evil for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. But even when we do follow Jesus faithfully on the "right path" and we are assured that we will not get lost, we still might find ourselves in dark valleys. At the exact middle of this psalm we find the phrase that is at the heart of it: "You are with me." Nothing is more important than that. It is why we need not fear, even when we face dark valleys, even when we are in the shadow of death, even when there is evil around us. It's all okay because God is with us. Our shepherd, who leads us, guides us, and lays down his life for us.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows, think back for a moment to the night when Jesus was arrested you will have a perfect image for the fifth verse of Psalm 23. Surrounded by enemies, he prepared a table. He anointed their feet. He raised the cup and offered it to them. No matter what is going on in the world or in our lives, we can come together the first Sunday of each month to find the table prepared. The meal ready. The cup of grace, love, and mercy overflowing.

God's goodness and mercy in abundance, here in the house of Lord. Which brings us to the last verse of this psalm: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

That is the promise of this Psalm, and the gift of our Shepherd—to be with us always, to lead us beside the still waters, and to bring us to the house of the Lord, where we will dwell forever.

