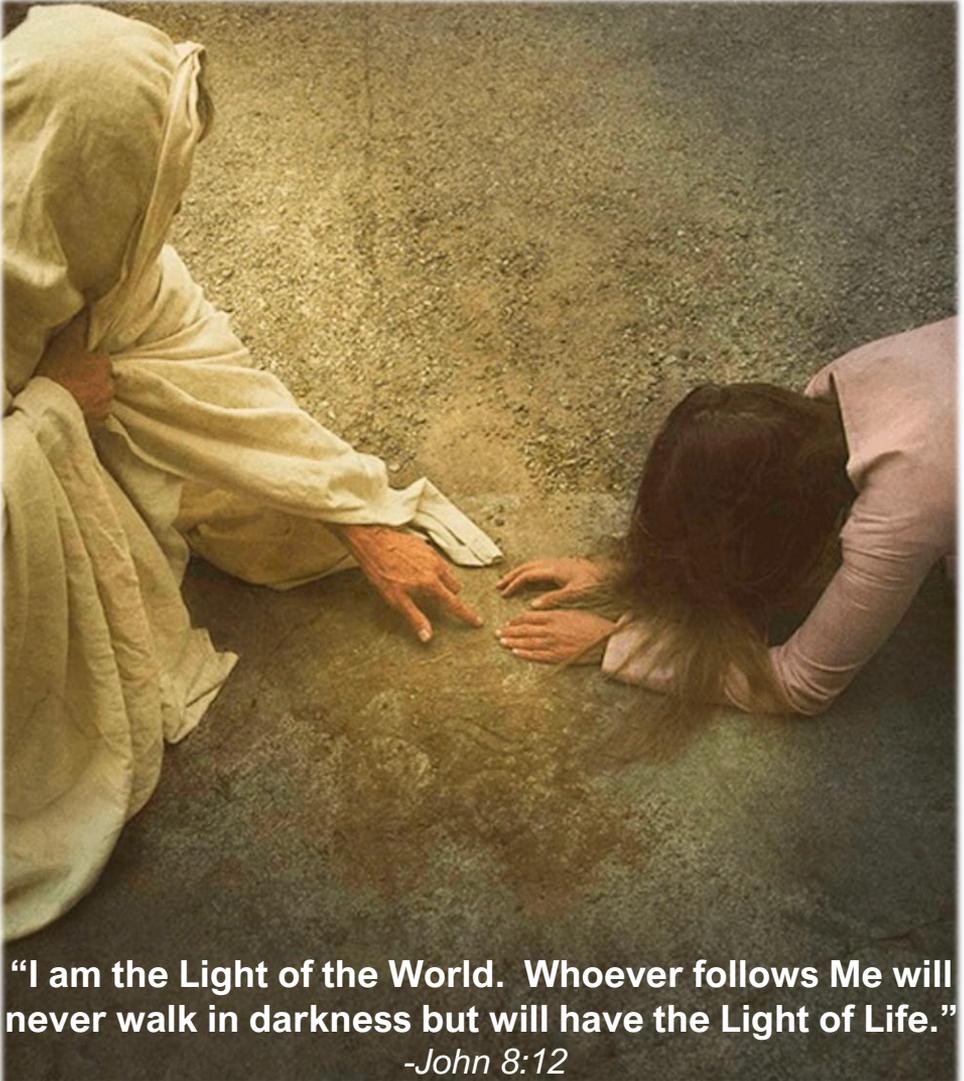


# First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026



**“I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.”**  
-John 8:12

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## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"The elders' departure may be singled out in verse 9 to highlight the fact that not even the most senior and revered members of the community are without sin." – *Gail O'Day*

"Once people stop making excuses and blaming others, they will be compelled to take action to solve more problems in the world." – *Jocko Willink*

"Who here has condemned you?" "No one." "Neither do I. Go on your way." – *John 8:10-11*

*Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you!*

L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / \* – stand in body or spirit  
UMH – *The United Methodist Hymnal*      TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

(1) *The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

MEDITATION CHORUS:      *Come and Fill*

WORDS OF WELCOME

FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

†\*HYMN OF PRAISE:      *10,000 Reasons*      screen

SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS



(2) *We listen to what God is saying to us!*

SCRIPTURE      † *Psalm 35 / John 8:1-12, 48-59*      ("Wade")

MESSAGE:      *Saved from Systems of Stones*

(3) *We respond to what God is saying to us!*

†\*HYMN OF RESPONSE:      *Christ Would Not Cast*      screen

CANDLE-LIGHTING & A LENTEN CONFESSION

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

(4) *We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO GIVE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

†\*HYMN OF MISSION:      *O How He Loves You & Me*      TFWS 2108

\*A BLESSING & GOING FORTH

(You are invited to place any offerings in the **Offering Box** as you leave the sanctuary; you may also give online at **peumc.org/donate** or use the **QR Code** in this bulletin.)

# Prayer List:

**Please pray for these members & friends throughout February:**

**Patsy S. / Adam H. / Joann L. / Tiffany H. / Nathan H. / the Grundens / Lori & Mike / Connie C. / Corey P. / Revs. Caleb & Doug**

**Our Homebound:** Mabel; Midge & Jim; Mary; Chris; Lynn R.; Phil; Norm; Kathleen

**Our Children:** Addisyn; Brynlee; Eliza; Ella; Gabriel; Gabrielle; Gracie; Sawyer; Symphony

**Our Infirm at Home:** Joann & Peter K.

**Our College Students:** Michaela W.; Korbin B.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

**From 1/18:** Prayers for a coworker, **Susan**, whose grandson was born with an unexpected genetic disorder and is in the NICU on a feeding tube as they get answers, thank you (Jennifer M.)

**From 1/25:** Prayers of healing for **David S.** for kidney failure (Diane S.); other mentions: Butch, Mindy, David, Minneapolis, and Ukraine. JOY: Sunshine! Heater works! Car works!

**From 2/1:** Prayers for **Carolina D.**, who has stage 4 lung cancer; for **Donnia K.**, who had a stroke (Diane S.); prayers for **the Steven Robinson family**, he is Jody's cousin and passed away this week (Bill & Jody); prayers for all my relatives in **MN** and for ALL the residents of our neighboring state (Kathy Mc.); prayers for **Diane P.**, who is struggling with stage 4 cancer (Sue & Leo); prayers for **families and children** feeling a loss of their security, feeling abandoned and unloved, that they may know God's peace and love (anon.).

**From 2/8:** Prayers of comfort and peace for the **family of my Uncle Butch** who passed away this week from cancer (Becky T.); prayers for **Roland G.** who is in his final days of earthly life (Lucy S.); prayers of healing for **Tiara, Nancy Guthrie and family.** JOY: Prayers for a healthy birth of our first grandbaby due February 16<sup>th</sup>; parents are our daughter, Paige, and her husband, Kyle (Jennifer & Dave M.)

**From 2/15:** The **family of Roland Genz**, who passed away this week (Lucy); please pray for me on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM (**Patsy Sue**); continued prayers for Tiara as she recovers from her heart attack.

## Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

**Monday (2/23):** John 8:12-20

**Tuesday (2/24):** John 8:21-30

**Wednesday (2/25):** John 8:31-38

**Thursday (2/26):** John 8:39-59

**Friday (2/27):** John 18:18-30

**Saturday (2/28):** Luke 18:31-43

**Sunday (3/1):** John 9:1-41

## **February Mission Project:**

PAUMC (Minneapolis) Immigration Care Services

**Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:**

# THIS WEEK'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

- *Prayer theme:* For those whose fury or frustration has taken over their lives; pray that our society can fight hate with loving resistance.
- *Consider:* Why does it seem like aggression causes results, and nonviolent love is considered weak?
- *Action:* How can I help someone replace fear/hate with compassion?

## Sunday Services – 10a

**TODAY – February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*First Sunday in Lent*

Scripture: John 8, *Caught in Adultery*

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Communion Sunday

Scripture: John 9, *Spiritual Blindness*

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

P.E. Lions' Club – pancake brunch

Daylight Savings – lose that hour!

Scripture: John 11, *Jesus Raises Lazarus*

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

THIRD Sunday Refreshments

Leadership Council meets

Scripture: John 12, *Mary Anoints Jesus*

## Looking Ahead

**G.R.A.C.E. Series: THE GIFT OF LENT**

**WEEK 1**

THIS Wednesday, Febr. 25<sup>th</sup> @ PEUMC sanctuary

6:30 – 7:30P - service

Led by Rev. Beth of the Moravian Church, Rapids

*“A family gives their home”*

**G.R.A.C.E. Series: THE GIFT OF LENT**

**WEEK 2**

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ PEUMC sanctuary

6:30 – 7:30P - service

Led by Rev. Kate of First Congregational UCC, Rapids

*“Mary gives her perfume.”*

## “Four Old Broads” Night Out

The Port Home Group is hosting, for the whole congregation, an evening out to see a showing of “Four Old Broads” at the Community Theater THIS Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00p. Tickets are \$16.00 each.

Let's support Ken Pelo playing the part of “Sam Smith.”