

# WELCOME FRIENDS



**seeking:**

*How do we  
begin again?*

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## **First Presbyterian Church of Ambler**

**March 1, 2026**

**9:00 am Traditional Worship**

Children are always welcome in worship.  
Activity packets and sensory toys are available in the Narthex.

**PRELUDE**

***O World, I Must Leave Thee***

Johannes Brahms

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One:

What is it like to begin again?

**All:**

**It is like flowers in the spring  
that push through frozen ground.**

**It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.**

**It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.**

**It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.**

One:

May we find God in our seeking.

**All:**

**May we learn as we go.**

One:

May we be brave enough to begin again.

**All:**

**Let us worship the God of new beginnings.**

- Rev. Sarah Speed, *A Sanctified Art*

**\*HYMN #215**

***What Wondrous Love Is This***

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One:

God of new life, you call us into unknown places,

**All:**

**and we bury our heads in the sand.**

One:

You promise all the stars in the sky,

**All:**

**and we doubt it can be true.**

One:

You speak of new life in the Spirit,

**All:**

**and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.**

One:

Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you.

**All:**

**Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes.**

**Give us the courage to begin again with you.**

### ***Silent Confession***

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One:

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

There is a grace to God's love that is bigger than we can imagine.

No matter what we did or didn't do yesterday,

we have been forgiven.

Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.

Join me in saying:

**All:**

**We belong to God. We are held in God's love.**

**We are made new. Amen.**

**\*OUR RESPONSE, Gloria Patri #581**

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

***God So Loved the World***

John Stainer

God so loved the world.  
God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him  
should not perish, should not perish  
but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world  
to condemn the world.  
God sent not His Son into the world  
to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.  
God so loved the world.  
God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him  
should not perish, should not perish  
but have everlasting life, everlasting life,  
everlasting, everlasting life.  
God so loved the world.

**SCRIPTURE:** John 3:1-17 (Jesus' Conversation with Nicodemus)

**MESSAGE:** **How Do We Begin Again?**  
Pastor Morgan Murray

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(in unison)

**We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows,  
who welcomes our questions,  
who invites us to begin again.**

**We believe that Jesus showed us a new way,  
a deeper faith,  
a more compassionate existence.**

**We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this  
foundation,  
and that no matter how many times we lose our way,  
God always welcomes us home. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Bread of the world- Eucharistic hymn*

Gilbert M. Martin

### **\*DOXOLOGY RESPONSE #606**

**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 OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN #516**     *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

**\*BENEDICTION**

(in unison)

**As you leave this place,  
may God bless you with seeking.  
Seek out the hungry.  
Seek the weary.  
Seek the good in every person you pass.  
Seek out the hopeful.  
Seek the faithful.**

**As you seek and as you wonder,  
may you find what you are looking for.  
In the name of our loving God,  
who is always seeking us,  
go now in peace. Amen.**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**     *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor ('Little')*

JS Bach

**\*Indicates to please stand if you are able.**



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**HOMEWORK:**

This week, have a conversation with Jesus about starting over.