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Welcome to the
**North Benton Presbyterian
Church**

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***"Since 1818, A church where everyone is someone
and Jesus Christ is Lord!"***

North Benton Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2026AD Fifth Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE

CHURCH LIFE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

CALL TO JOIN IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens.

People: **We come seeking rest, longing for hope and renewal.**

Pastor: Let us gather in the presence of God, Who offers rest for our souls and hope that renews our strength.

People: **In God's presence, our spirits are lifted and our hearts find peace.**

Pastor: May our hearts open to receive the comfort and encouragement that only the Lord can provide.

All: **Even in our weariness, we trust that God's hope shines bright. Let us join in worship of our God with grateful hearts.**

INVOCATION

+PRAISE SONGS

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"I Know a Fount"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday School to Follow)

"Prayer"



In Our Prayers



"Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29: 12



Sermon Notes

This Week

Sun 9:30 Worship Service
3/22 (Youth Sunday School
after children’s message)
10:45 Searcher’s Class

Sun 9:30 Worship Service
3/29 (Youth Sunday School
after children’s message)

Caring, Sharing, Praying

Nursing Home:
Dan Rowe
Essex #1, Salem, OH 44460
(Rm.#201)

Continued Prayer for:
Denton Herron, James
Hilles, Stan & Sandy
Jozwiakowski, Emily
Winters, Paul & Maeo
Bates, Carol Schiffler,
Chris & Alicia Gamble

*Contact the office to add or
remove a name*

NOTE:

**The next Deacon’s Meeting will
be Sunday April 12 instead of
April 5 due to Easter festivities.**



**We are collecting candy for the
Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave
your donations in the narthex.**



**Easter Sunrise Breakfast
April 5, 2026 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Deacon Greeters -----Jodi Weibush
-----Cindy Ruffier
Keyboard-----Marilyn Smith
Praise Songs-----Sylvia Hammond
Sound System -----Josiah Gaines
Acolyte -----Jude Fielder

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: If you are feeling weary—tired in body, burdened in spirit, worn from carrying life's cares—let us come together in confession. We bring our fatigue and frustrations, our anxieties and doubts, laying them before God who welcomes us with compassion and understanding. In this moment of honesty, may we find rest for our souls and renewal through God's forgiveness. Let us pray in silence.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: If you are weary, burdened, or struggling, hear this assurance of pardon: Your struggles do not define you, and your weariness is met with endless compassion. In grace, you are forgiven, renewed, and invited to rest in hope and peace. May you find comfort knowing that you are deeply loved and fully accepted.

All: Thanks for God’s promises! Let us live as forgiven people!

+GLORIA PATRI

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE:

“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” -Proverbs 16: 3

+DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and LORD’S PRAYER

+Hymn # 466 “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Gracious God, as we prepare to hear Your Word, open our hearts and minds to Your wisdom and love. Shine the light of understanding upon us, that as we read Matthew 11:25-30, we may hear Your invitation to rest in You. By Your Spirit, guide our thoughts and help us to receive Your truth with humility and joy. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE “Matthew 11: 25-30”

SERMON “Hope for the Weary”

+HYMN #21 (verses 1-3)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #21 (verse 4)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK’S SERMON:

“Hope for the Undeserving” based on portions of Luke 23: 32-43.

+ *Indicates congregation is invited to stand*



PRAISE SONGS



“The Old Rugged Cross”

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

(Chorus)

**So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
‘Til my trophies at last I lay down,
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

(Chorus)

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see; for ‘twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.

(Chorus)

To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
The He’ll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I’ll share.

(Chorus)

“I Know a Fount”

I know a fount where sins are washed away,
I know a place where night is turned to day.
Burdens are lifted, blind eyes made to see;
There’s a wonder working power in the blood of Calvary.