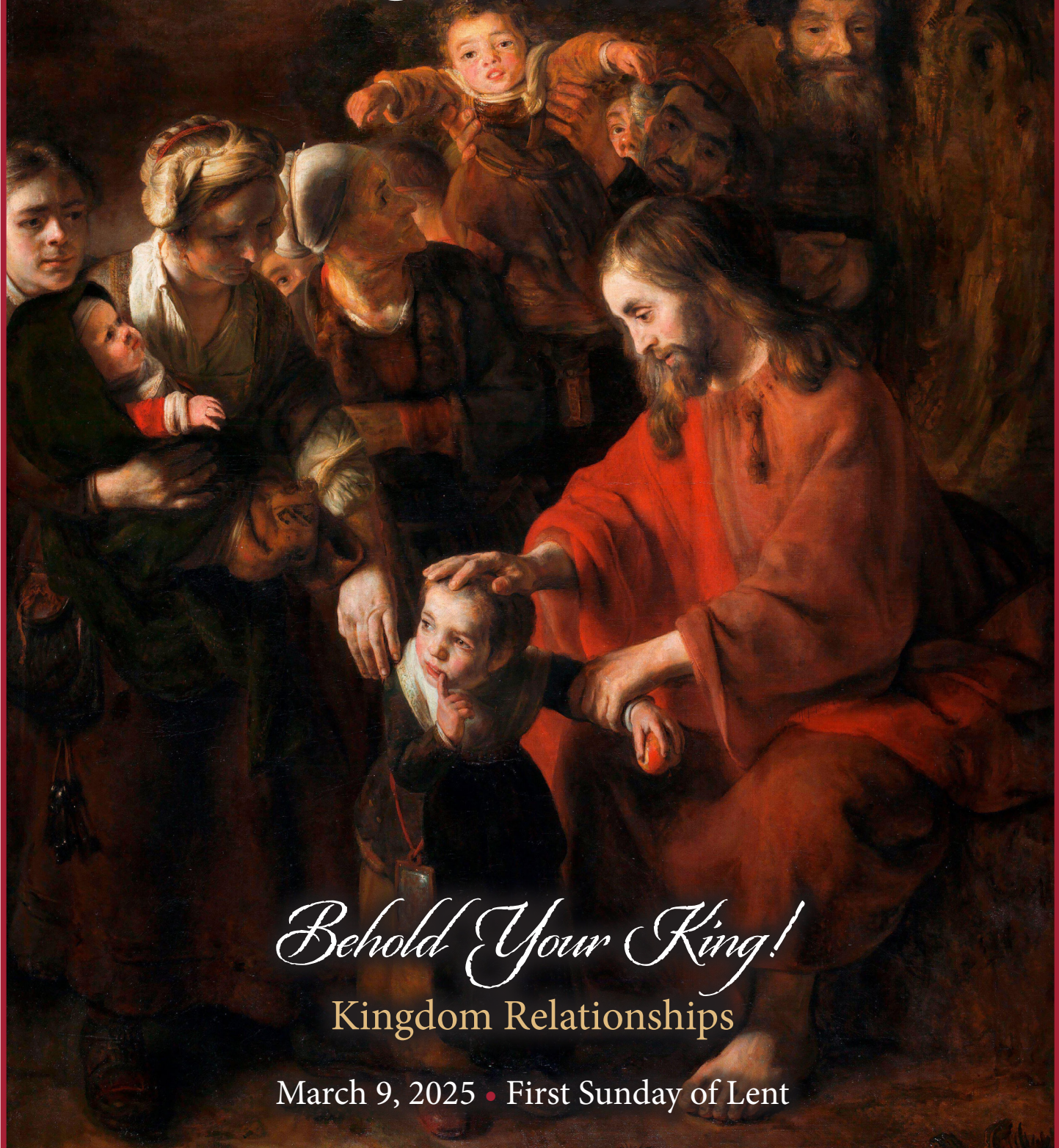




WALKER'S CHAPEL



Behold Your King!

Kingdom Relationships

March 9, 2025 • First Sunday of Lent

Service of Worship

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Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 8

“O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the heavens,

and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

Invocation

Hymn of Praise • Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Hymnal, 320)

God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Prayer of Confession • based on Matthew 18:35; 6:15; 5:44; Romans 12:21;

Leader: Merciful Father, you have commanded us to forgive others as you have forgiven us, yet we often hold onto anger and resentment.

People: **We confess that we have not always forgiven from the heart, but have harbored bitterness and grudges.**

Leader: You have taught us that if we do not forgive others, neither will you forgive us.

People: **Yet we have been slow to extend the grace that we so freely receive from you.**

Leader: You call us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, that we may be sons and daughters of our Father in heaven.

People: **Instead, we have repaid evil for evil and have not sought to overcome evil with good.**

Leader: Cleanse us from all unrighteousness and give us hearts that reflect your mercy.

All: **Teach us to forgive, as you have forgiven us, that we may walk in unity and be known as your disciples. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • 2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise • Jesus Paid It All (Hymnal, 308)

God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading • Matthew 18:1-14

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

Sermon

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God’s People Respond in Grateful Praise

Hymn of Prayer • A Christian Home (Hymnal, 719)

Profession of Faith • Psalm 25:8-10

“Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.” *Amen*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

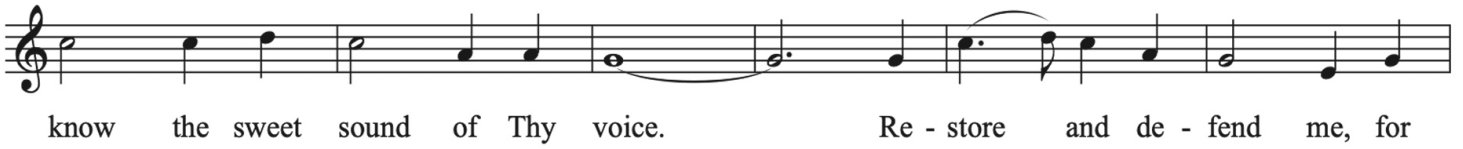
After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Hymn of Commitment • May the Mind of Christ My Savior (Hymnal, 644)

Benediction • 1 John 3:1-3

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.” *Amen*

O Thou in Whose Presence



Text: Joseph Swain, *Redemption, a Poem in Five Books*, 1791; Music: DAVIS, Freeman Lewis, 1813.

Announcements *Please send prayer requests to jp@walkerschapel.org.*

- **Offerings.** If you have offerings to the Lord you'd like to give through Walker's Chapel, you may do so in the box on the wall as you leave the sanctuary on your left. You can also give online by using your smart phone to scan the QR code to the right or clicking on the "Give" menu on our homepage. Gifts can be given online via credit card, debit card, and bank draft on a one-time or recurring basis. *Thank you!*



- **Women's Breakfast Fellowship.** The Women of Walker's will be meeting for a potluck breakfast fellowship this Saturday at Madison at the Mill, 323 N Madison Rd, Orange, VA 22960. This is for all ages, so please bring your daughters as well. We will provide coffee, juice, and milk. Please bring a breakfast item to share, such as muffins, breakfast casseroles, fruit, etc.



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