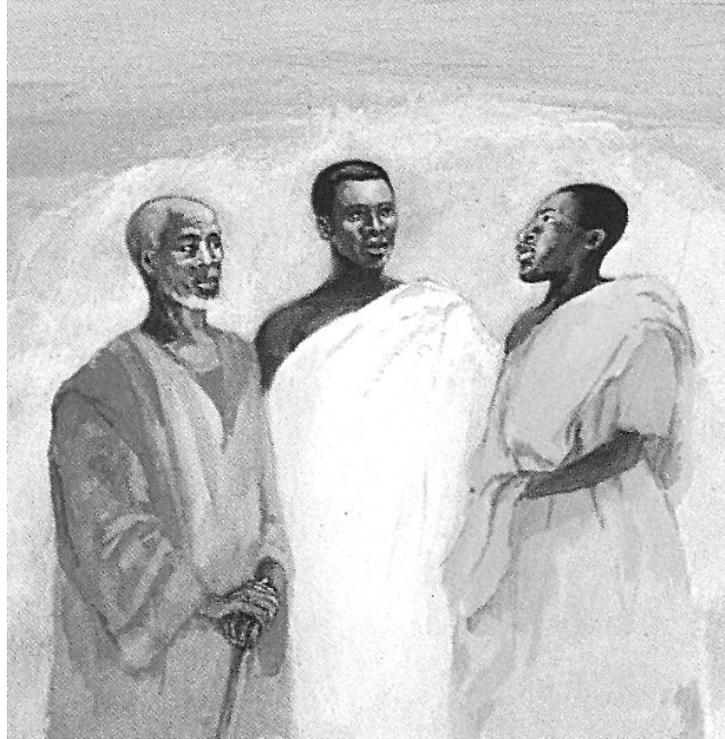


# WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Transfiguration Sunday  
February 14, 2021  
9:30 a.m.

**OUR MISSION**  
We seek to live Christ's love,  
welcome all people and joyfully serve God.



## Service for the Lord's Day

✦ *When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

### ~GATHERING FOR GOD'S WORD~

PRELUDE

"I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"  
Shawn Portell, organ

Wayne Wold

### WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

*As the music begins, let us use this time for quiet reflection and prayer, so that we, individually and as a great crowd of witnesses, may prepare ourselves to reaffirm our faith as the people of God.*

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Miles Cole, Liturgist

The glory of God shines  
like a consuming fire.

**We have seen the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

The voice of God thunders  
like a mighty storm.

**Out of the cloud, God speaks:  
This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**

### ✦HYMN #13

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks"  
(music at end of the bulletin)

KINGSFOLD

### ✦CALL TO CONFESSION

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect;  
God alone is judge.  
Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us.  
Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### ✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all glory, beauty, and grace,  
we have tried to hide from you—  
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—  
yet you have never hidden your love for us.  
We have tried to search for you—  
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—  
yet you have already revealed yourself to us  
in the face of Jesus Christ.  
Forgive us, and transform us  
so that our lives may shine  
with your glory, beauty, and grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God comes and does not keep silence;  
God speaks to us with grace and love,  
saying: You are my beloved child.  
This is the good news of the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

✦PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us also forgive one another.  
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

"Softly and Tenderly"  
Ely Ringers

arr. John Behnke

**~PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD~**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Miles Cole, Liturgist

Speak to us, O Lord our God,  
and let the fire of your Spirit  
burn brightly in our hearts.  
Open our minds to receive  
the wisdom of the law,  
the hope of the prophets,  
and the life of the gospel:  
Jesus Christ, your living Word.  
**Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 50:1-6

The mighty one, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.  
Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before the Lord is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around.  
God calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that the Lord may judge the people:  
'Gather to me my faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!  
The heavens declare God's righteousness,  
for God alone is judge.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON

Rev. Hannah Zyla

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

**~RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD~**

OFFERING INVITATION

The God who speaks and summons the earth into being  
now speaks to us,  
calling us to offer up our lives as a sacrifice of praise.

OFFERTORY

"In the Garden"  
Ely Ringers

arr. John Behnke

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
They will come from east and west and from north and south  
to sit together in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,  
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
he took the bread,  
blessed it and broke,  
and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened,

and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table.

Christ invites those who trust him  
to share the feast that he has prepared.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Creator of the cosmos,  
Breath of heaven,  
Lover of us all,  
you are our praise, our life, our joy.

You are there  
through desert wanderings and willful murmurings,  
rebellious running and tears of complaint.

You are there  
when sorrow becomes our daily food;  
you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.

Rising Sun,  
Soaring Spirit,  
Radiant Lord,  
you are there  
in stable and temple,  
river and hillside,  
cross and tomb  
and even beyond the grave.

You are there in shining glory,  
overcoming death and welcoming us to life.

You meet us in the breaking of bread,  
you pour out the wine of salvation;  
you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.

By your Spirit,  
make these gifts  
your body and your blood.  
By your Spirit,  
make us one  
with you and with each other.  
By your Spirit, make us strong  
that we might share your love  
with your blessed and broken world.

*prayers of the people*

Fount of mercy,  
Fire of justice,  
dearest Friend,  
bind us to you and send us out  
to seek and serve and sing your praise,  
until you gather us up in glory  
and bright, unending song.

**Amen.**

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night of his arrest, Jesus sat at table with his friends.  
And he took bread, and after giving thanks to God,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread, and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,  
until he comes again in glory.

## COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, send us out from our Lord's table  
to answer his summons into new life  
and to follow him with joy and gladness.  
Set our feet in his holy way,  
that our lives may be signs of his life  
and all we do may show forth his love.  
**Amen.**

HYMN #670

"From the Rising of the Sun"  
(music at the end of the bulletin)

RISING SUN

### CHARGE

Now go and tell the good news:  
the Lord of life and light is with us;  
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.  
**Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

The very face of God shines upon you  
with beauty, blessing, and peace.  
**Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "Shine, Jesus, Shine"  
Shawn Portell, organ

Christopher Tambling

### Worship Notes

Some prayers and liturgical texts for worship are provided by:  
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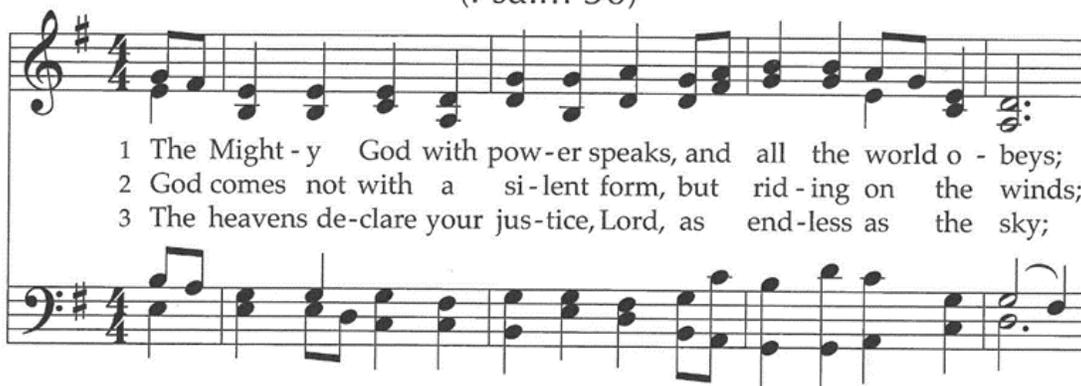
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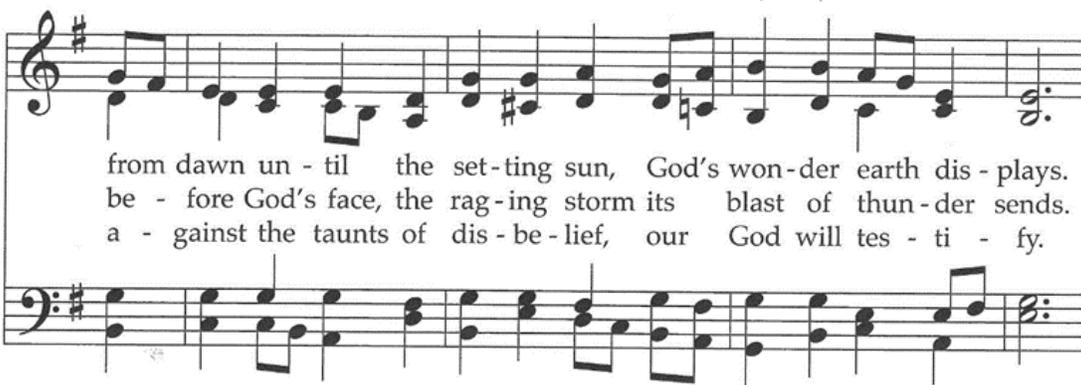
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# 13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

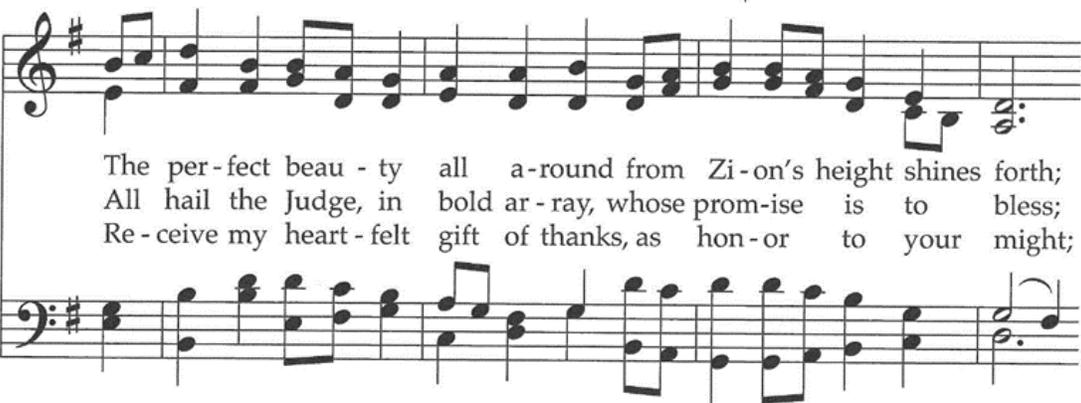
(Psalm 50)



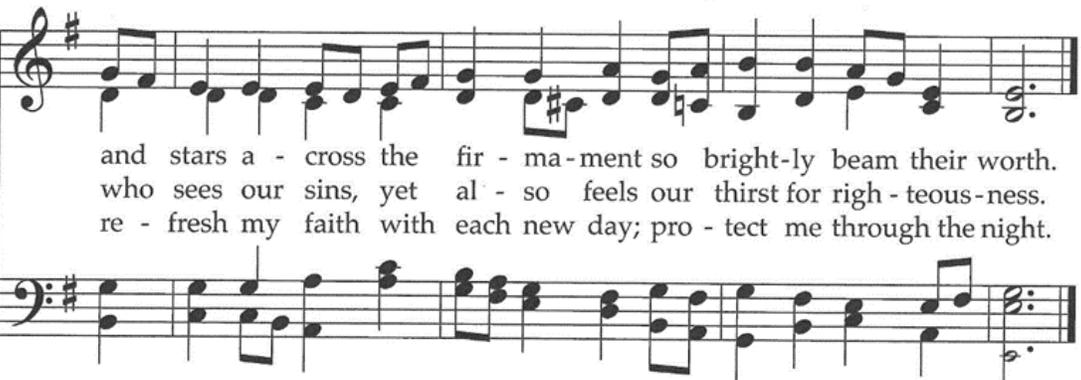
1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;  
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;  
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;



from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.  
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.  
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.



The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;  
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;  
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;



and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.  
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.  
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

# From the Rising of the Sun 670

(Psalm 113)

From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down  
of the same, the name of the Lord shall be  
praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the  
go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be  
praised. So praise ye the Lord.  
Praise ye the Lord. From the  
ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.

This paraphrase of Psalm 113:3 concisely represents the psalm beginning the group called the Egyptian Hallel (113–118) used at all major Jewish festivals. One of these may have been what Jesus and his disciples sang at the conclusion of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:30/Mark 14:26).

# February 14, 2021 Announcements

## Education Hour

***Sunday, February 14th at 10:30am***

Join the Advocacy Team for an enlightening presentation by Anne May and Linda Reynolds from MOMS Demand Action Legislative sharing information about this legislative session's gun law bills and the group's upcoming Virtual Advocacy Day in support of sensible gun laws in Missouri. Of note is a bill currently fast-tracked in the legislature which would effectively nullify many federal gun laws by preventing Missouri law officers from enforcing federal gun laws that are not on the books in Missouri. See the Friday Flash for the Zoom link.

## Drive-Thru Donations - Hygiene Collection & Recycling

***POSTPONED until February 21st***

Due to the very cold temperatures that are forecast for this Sunday, the Drive-Thru collection for our hygiene collection and recyclables has been rescheduled for next Sunday, February 21st, noon-2:00pm outside of the Hale Entrance. Collection bins remain inside the Hale Entrance for those who would prefer to drop their donations off. The church doors are open Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm and donations will be accepted through February 28th.

We are collecting hygiene items for new immigrant K-8 students at the Nahed Chapman New American Academy.

### Items they need include:

deodorant  
shampoo

period supplies  
toothbrushes/toothpaste

soap  
hand sanitizer

Environmental Stewardship will be joining the Mission drive thru collection on February 21st to enable people to drop off recyclables and reusable items for Urban Sprouts.

### Recyclables include:

batteries  
eyeglasses  
electric cords

cell phones/chargers  
hearing aids  
candles

corks  
printer cartridges

### Items for Urban Sprouts include

washers  
wood frames  
thimbles  
thread/ribbon spools

bolts  
buttons  
wood scraps  
cabinet/drawer knobs.

napkin rings  
bracelets  
embroidery rings

## Join us in a Lenten Journey - The Path from Lament to Hope

### Prayer Stations

We invite you to visit the church building once, weekly or daily to engage in outdoor Lenten prayer stations. The three prayer stations, located in front of the church, will be open Ash Wednesday through Holy Week. The Memorial Garden will also be open for quiet contemplation and prayer. Each station is child-friendly. If you prefer to experience these at home, you may find them at [wgpc.org/lent-prayer-stations](http://wgpc.org/lent-prayer-stations).

### Worship Services will be offered online:

Ash Wednesday, February 17th 7:00pm

Palm Sunday, March 28th, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday, April 1st, 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 2nd, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th, 9:30am

### Lent Calendar for Environmental Issues

The Presbyterian Hunger Program strives to walk with people in moving toward sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and Creation. As people of faith, we seek to "serve and preserve" God's world. However, some of our collective choices have led to a changing global climate. To turn this tide, we must commit to treading lightly on God's Earth. In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death and resurrection. We slow down, take time and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year. You can find the link to the Lenten calendar on [wgpc.org/get-involved](http://wgpc.org/get-involved)

### Lamenting Toward Hope - A Biblical Journey

***Sunday mornings, February 21 - March 28, 10:45am on Zoom***

In a broken and hurting world, our faith calls us to honestly see the pain and trouble in our own lives and in the life of our community. Scripture offers us the path of lament – naming what we see and feel, and trusting that God can make all things new. This six-week series, facilitated by Rev. Susan Andrews, will define the power of lament, and engage participants in a dialogue with scripture and the current landscape of our lives. Biblical passages will be supported by interpretations from contemporary music, the writings of Walter Brueggemann, Anne Weems, and P. Lynn Miller.

February 21 – Lament as Spiritual Practice

February 28 – Lamenting for Life

March 7 – Lamenting Together

March 14 – Lamenting for Shalom

March 21 – Lamenting with God

March 28 – Lamenting Toward Hope

Register at [wgpc.org/get-involved](http://wgpc.org/get-involved) or email Susan Andrews at [sra@wgpc.org](mailto:sra@wgpc.org) with questions. The Zoom link will be provided at the bottom of the Friday Flash each week.

## **Month of Grace & Prayer: An Ecumenical Retreat in Everyday Life**

***Begins February 21st***

Pray on your own 20 minutes each day and meet one-on-one with a spiritual companion one hour each week for four consecutive weeks. Starts February 21. All meetings will be virtual (Zoom or phone if you prefer). Weekly meeting times set around your schedule. This is an individually directed retreat tailored to your own deep desires. Committed couples also have the option to participate as a couple. The spiritual companions are not members of our church nor can companion anyone they know. All adults are welcome regardless of denomination or affiliation. For more information, visit [www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org](http://www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org) and to register contact Clarence Heller at [clarenceheller@gmail.com](mailto:clarenceheller@gmail.com).

## **ECC Fundraiser at The Parkmoor**

***Tuesday, February 23rd , 11:00am-8:00pm***

Support the WGPC Early Childhood Center by feasting on great food from a local restaurant! On Tuesday, February 23rd, 20% of your dine-in, curbside pickup or delivery goes back to the school when you present the promotional flyer (which will be included in the Friday Flash).

[TheParkmoor.com](http://TheParkmoor.com) 314-938-5554

## **The Black Tax: The Cost of Being Black in America**

***Thursday, March 4th and Thursday, April 8th, 6:30pm***

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy invites you to two special events with author, Shawn Rochester to discuss his book, *The Black Tax: The Cost of Being Black in America*. Rochester, a former corporate development, and global strategy executive quantifies the fiscal impact of the detrimental tax Black Americans pay in the auto, housing, online, job, and lending markets. The book examines the staggering financial cost from emancipation to the present day to answer the question of how, after 400 years, more than 40 million African Americans own only 2% of U.S. wealth. More than simply identifying the problem, Rochester lays out an empowerment plan to create much-needed jobs and businesses in the Black community.

The first online session will meet on Thursday, March 4 and the second session is on Thursday, April 8. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 PM CST. There is no cost to attend, but advance registration is required. Advance reading of the book is highly encouraged, but it is not required. Please go to [www.glpby.org](http://www.glpby.org) for more information and to reserve your spot.

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Registration**

Whether or not you are currently eligible, you can register for a vaccine. The vaccine provider will notify you when a vaccine is available for you based on your eligibility information. It is recommended that you sign up several places, but only accept one appointment. Check the Friday Flash for a list of sites where you can register. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call the St. Louis County Health Department at 314-615-0600. They will ask for your name and phone number and someone from the County Senior Services will call you and assist you in signing up to receive the vaccine.

## **Knitters Needed**

The Gathering Task Force is making Prayer Squares for Easter. Each square takes only 2 hours to knit. If you would like to help with this activity, please email Lynne Rapp at [kaye1039@yahoo.com](mailto:kaye1039@yahoo.com) or call 314-265-1997.

## **Bee Knowledgeable**

Did you know that you can help support Missouri's native bees? Provide native "companion plants" especially those with colorful blossoms which attract bees. "Companion planting", in which one plant helps the growth of another, helps facilitate the pollination of fruits and vegetables. For example, planting bee balm can help pollinate tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant. Other examples of flowering companion plants include sunflowers, wild hyacinth, blue wild indigo, purple prairie clover, and common milkweed. If you don't have a yard, you can still help bees by planting native flowers in a box or pot, by getting involved in a community garden or helping plant at a nearby park.

*Missouri Department of Conservation, MDC Urges Public to "Bee-Friend" Native Pollinators, Jill Pritchard, Apr 22, 2019.*

## **WGPC Early Childhood Center Positions Open**

The Webster Groves Presbyterian ECC is currently looking for loving and energetic adults to fill open preschool teaching positions. These include lead teacher and teacher's aide and sub spots for weekday mornings. For more information please contact Amanda Kingsbury at 314-962-9210x3110 or email [ecc@wgpc.org](mailto:ecc@wgpc.org).

## **Church Building Closed**

The building will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.