

# Order of Service

*Song: You're the Word of God the Father*

*Prayer*

*Song: The Servant Song*

Bible Reading: Psalm 19; Romans 2:1-11

Kids Talk

*Sermon*

*Song: By Faith we see the hand of God*

- Please pray for Iran, including for “prisoners being held at Evin Prison in the Iranian capital Tehran. Many Christians are among the political prisoners held at Evin, as Farsi (Persian)-speaking believers are considered both apostates and a national security threat by the Iranian authorities... administrative personnel have abandoned their posts, effectively ceasing all supervision over the provision of prisoners’ essential life-sustaining needs.... More than 60 Christians are believed to be either serving sentences or being detained at Evin Prison awaiting trial on charges concerning their faith. Christian prisoners held in Evin Prison include Joseph Shahbazian and Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh, Hakop Gochumyan and Mina Khajavi.”

*“Living water of my being, Jesus, my God.*

*I want to be in your presence, hear your voice.*

*Forgive my selfishness, my Saviour, Jesus.*

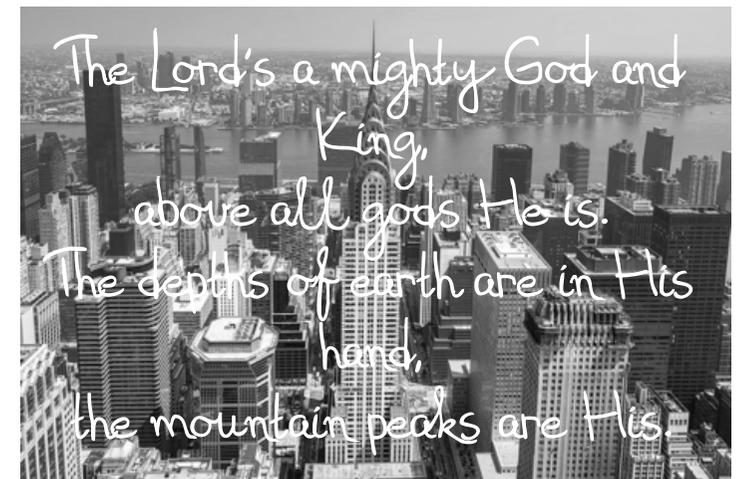
*Guide me, my beloved Jesus, I come to you tired of this world...”*

- Iranian Christian song (in Farsi originally)

Walcha  
Presbyterian  
Church

to show God’s love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



**Sunday 8 March 2026**

Welcome and please join us for a cuppa after the service

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## Notices

**Membership-** Membership is for professing Christians who are baptised. It is committing to a local church and requires a credible declaration of faith in Christ Jesus.

**Baptism-** After the Lord Jesus rose from the dead he commanded baptism (Matt. 28:19; also Acts 10:48).

**Talk to Graham, Doug or Gordon**

**Op shop** – if anyone is able to help at the Op shop one day per month or more, then it would be greatly appreciated.

**Congregational meeting** – we'll aim to have the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

	8 Mar	15 Mar	22 Mar
Kids' Talk	Fiona	Alex	Graham
Door		Eamon	Eric
Morning Tea	Jacqueie + Sam	Edith + Lorna	Judy + Sue

### God's Word:

*Mar 8 – Romans 2:1-11 (God is fair)*

*Mar 15 – Romans 2:12-16 (God's law written on the heart)*

*Mar 22 – Romans 2:17-27 (outward obedience is nothing)*

## Romans 2:1-11

### God's judgment is fair

Note, the change to "you" in chapter 2. The whole tone of the letter suddenly changes.

The Lord Jesus said: *"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup>For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you (Matt. 7:1-2)."*

### God's judgment is based on truth (v.1-3)

- A hypocrite never embraces the whole of Christ.
- Paul addresses the hypocrite ("*o man*") who condemns the twenty-one horrible sins of Romans 1, yet their own life is not consistent with God's truth.
- Usually, I am harsher on other peoples' sins than my own – and that should frighten me. God's judgment is based on truth.

*Who can discern their own errors?*

*Forgive my hidden faults.*

*<sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from willful sins  
may they not rule over me.*

### The proud person will not repent (v.4)

- *How easily I forget how patient and longsuffering God has been with me?*
- The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matt. 18:21-35).

Three statements about God's judgment (v.5-11);

1. It is based on His perfect standard of right (v.5)
2. It will be according to what we deserve – or, our works (v.6-10). Salvation is by grace; judgment by works.
3. It is impartial, or without favouritism (v.11)

*"I saw myself as I really was, with dismay and repentance; and, seeing, I changed."*