First United Presbyterian Church

February 23, 2025

**GATHERING**

**CHIMES** Set your heart for worship, if you must whisper, let it be in prayer.

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING WORDS**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also, with you!**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

**P: Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #487 When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
in all our work and prayer we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Then let us join to sing to Christ, our loving King: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them. We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us live into that day even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE TO PARDON** #570 Gloria Patri

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And also, with you!**

One: Please pass the peace to those around you.

**\*GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE** #341 Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  “Lead On O King Eternal”

Bob Day, Holly VanBuskirk

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 6:27-38

**SERMON** “Do Good” Rev. Greg Menssen

**RESPONDING**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**  #383 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
as Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm,

and changeless be, a living fire.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #339 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day and by night; Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

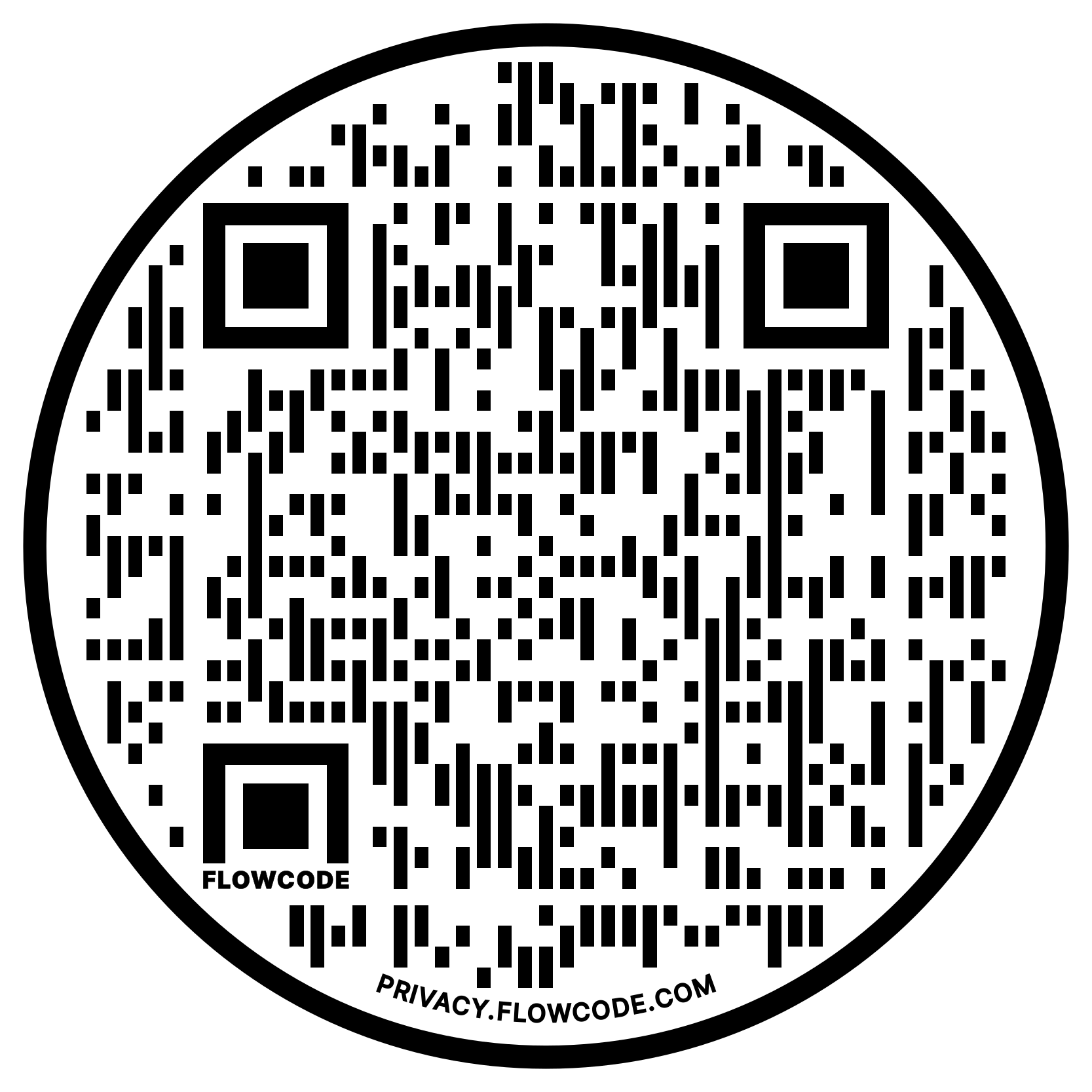
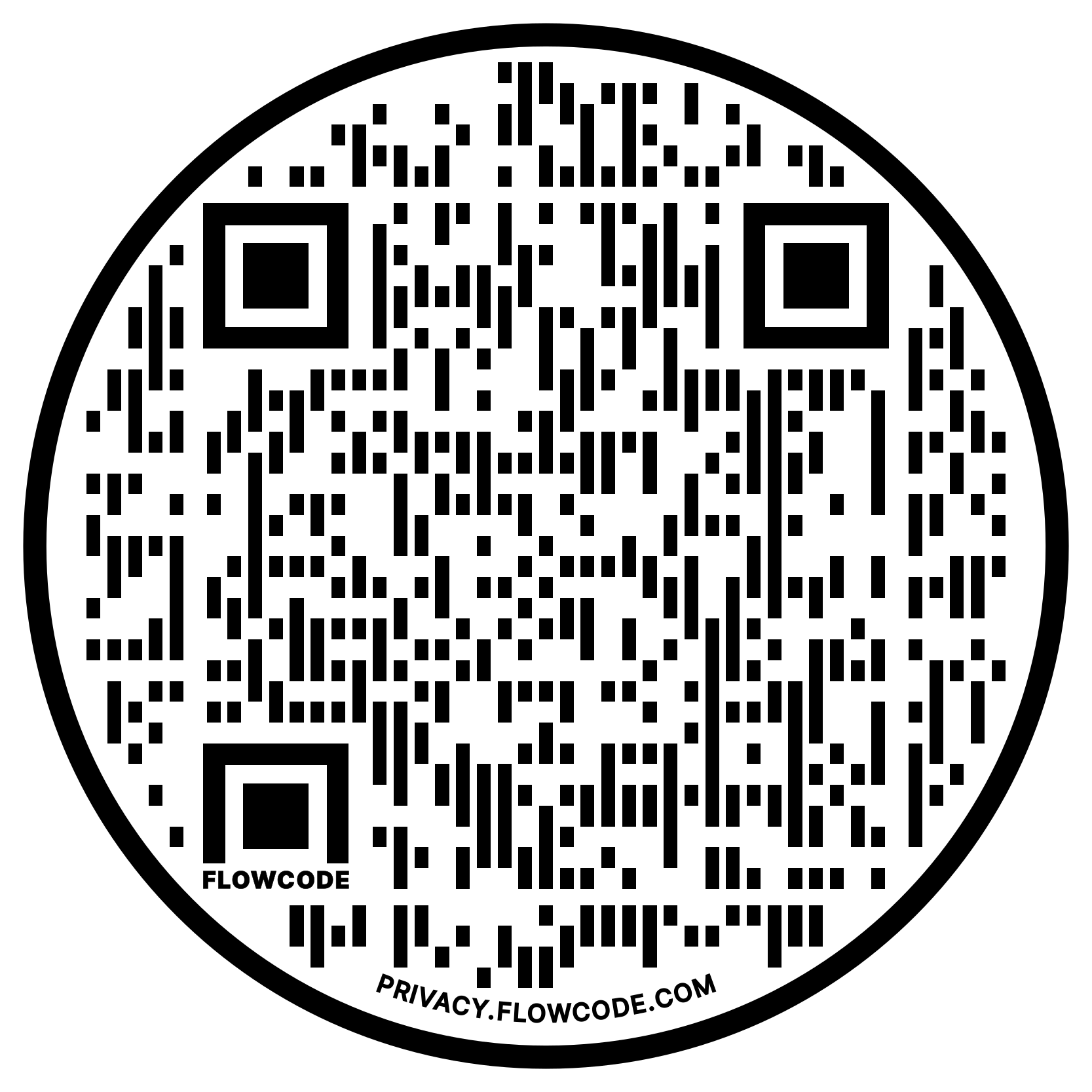
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child; Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Old Testament Lesson Gospel Lesson



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