



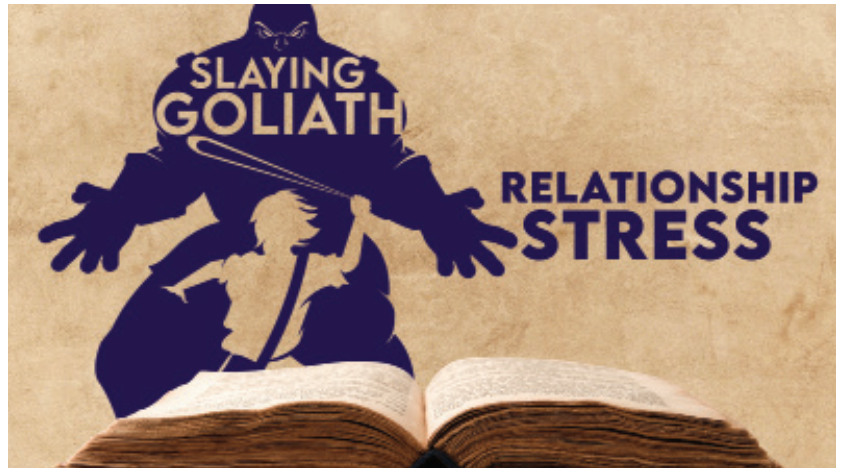
PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

February 28 – March 1, 2026

Relationship Stress

1 Peter 5:7 | Colossians 3:13



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

CONTEMPORARY
SAT 5:30 pm | SUN 10:30 am

God So Loved
Build My Life
Lord I Need You
Graves Into Gardens

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am

Love Divine
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Bells: Reflections on Kelvingrove
Go Make Disciples

MESSAGE: Paul Dean
COMMUNION: 5:30 pm Saturday

We offer prayers and sympathy to the family of **Ron Bergerson**.

Upcoming Celebration of Life Service:
Bob Klungness – March 17
Ruth Larson – March 19
Ron Bergerson – March 28
Sandra Bergsten – April 24

LOOKING FOR PRAYER?

Prayer ministers are available after both Sunday services to pray with you in the sanctuary.

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

We are an open and affirming community, here to love God and all people.



Connect with Prince of Peace!

Scan here to join our mailing list and find ways to get involved.

Paper copies of this form are available at the Connect Desk.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 9:00 am | Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10:30 am
Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: popmn.org

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Weekend Worship | March 28-29 | regular worship times

Maunder Thursday Seder Meal | April 2 | 6:00 pm

This contemporary Jewish meal uses traditional food and rituals to help us remember the Exodus story. popmn.org/register

Good Friday Worship | April 3 | 7:00 pm

Time to reflect on the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

Easter Saturday Worship | April 4 | Contemporary | 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday Worship | April 5

Sunrise | 6:30 am | Chapel | Communion

Classic | 8:00 am | Sanctuary | *also livestreamed*

Contemporary | 9:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary | *also livestreamed*

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Lenten Soup Suppers | Wednesdays | 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Gather in community for a simple meal. The meal is free, the table is open throughout the Lenten season, and we'd love to see you!

Faith & Parenting | Begins March 1 | 10:00 – 10:30 am | 200E

Connect with parents and discuss family faith formation and the book *Woven* (\$12 at the Welcome Desk). No registration needed.

Dinner for 8 | Register by March 4 at popmn.org/register

Join a group of 8 from March-June for a casual monthly meal while making lasting friendships. Contact Pastor Sarah: sfike@popmn.org.

First Communion Orientation | March 7 | 4:00 pm

Prepare for your first communion and decorate your own stole!

Pilgrimage Wanderings | Tuesdays, March 10 & 24 | 6:30 pm

Pastors Paul and Nancy Lee Gauche lead a two-part Bible study exploring the sacred journey of pilgrimage. popmn.org/register.

Family Ministry Flower Fundraiser | Orders due March 22

Order flowers at popmn.org/register and pick them up on May 9.

Prince of Peace Board Member Applications | Due March 31

Want to serve on the board? Visit popmn.org/about/leadership.

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



WHAT IS YOUR GOLIATH?

DUNGEON or BATTLEFIELD

What is the battlefield or dungeon? What fearsome or mundane realities have kept you away? What guardians block the way or seal the doors?

SKILL or CHALLENGE

What potential allies or enemies show up at the dungeon or battlefield? What else do you find here that could help or hurt your progress, depending on your approach? Are there puzzles to solve?

SETBACK

Success is hardly ever a straight line. What pitfall might you have to navigate on your way to gaining what you seek?

CLIMACTIC CONFLICT

What climactic challenge – or Goliath – stands as the final guardian between you and what you ultimately seek?

REWARD

What lies on the other side of this battle? What is your reason for risking the danger of the fight? What will you gain? What surprise might be in store after your victory here is won?

In the stories of the Bible, demons are entities that can trap people, rendering them lost and helpless. They are powers that make a person lose sight of who they are and doubt the presence and power of God. They often impact an individual's ability to communicate or participate in the community. One example is the story of Goliath, a single man who made an entire army lose its trust in God.

Stories like these, in the Bible and in our lives, can be mapped onto a play experience. Think about them as a dungeon in Dungeons & Dragons. Dungeons are deep and intractable, where no one can hear you and you may lose your way.

The monsters that call the dungeons home are there to rob you of your power and challenge your abilities. Here lies the kind of conflict that makes you lose sight of yourself and challenges your trust in God. But if we use play to imagine these places, we can also use play to imagine ourselves overcoming them.

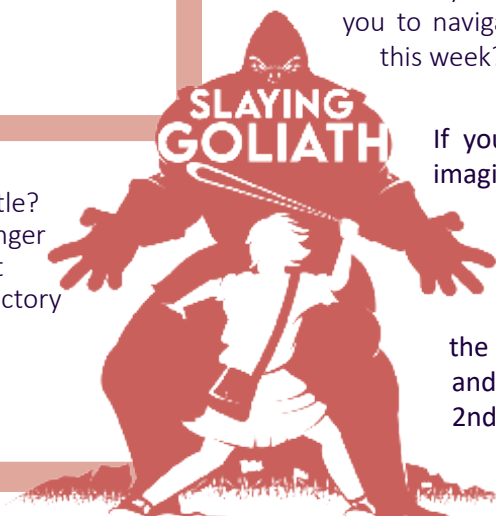
We can map the dungeon. We can name the demons. We can slay the goliaths and gain the reward on the other side.

The Goliath of RELATIONSHIP STRESS

How are your relationships doing? It seems like everything is heavy these days, and we are divided when what we really need is connection.

How do you know when to compromise for the sake of a relationship, and when compromise is not an option? How do you know when to stay quiet and when staying quiet causes more harm or allows oppression to continue?

Why are relationships so complicated? Have we passed the moment when understanding is possible? If we are made for relationship and connection, how should we handle this moment in history? What tools or ideas do these verses give you to navigate the tensions in your relationships this week?



If you would like to flex your powers of imagination with screen-free community, drop by **Roll for Joy: Adventurers League**, a local partnership of play between Prince of Peace and Living Joy Lutheran Churches, rooted in the belief that imagination, community, and joy are sacred gifts. Games run every 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 5-8pm at Dreamers Vault Games.