

# *The Worship of God*

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

## The Gathering

The forty-day season of Lent is a journey where we follow Jesus' steps to Jerusalem and, ultimately, to the cross. This pilgrimage of faith invites us to reflect on what it means to be a Christian; what it means to take up one's cross to follow Jesus. We so often fall short; we are all sinners. But today through confession and grace, we have a chance to begin again.

## Invitation to Worship

**Prelude** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Carl Schalk

**Choral Introit** "Lead Me to Calvary" arr. Freeman  
Opening of the Bible Ava Leigh Fulbright

**Call to Worship** Jillian Briggs

Leader: In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

**People: God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.**

Leader: On the dangerous paths, God's guidance is ours.

**People: We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.**

Leader: Come to hear. Come to learn. Come to find God.

**People: Here we find streams of mercy, never ceasing.**

**All: Which call for songs of loudest praise!**

**Hymn No. 45** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON  
Lighting of the Christ Candle

## The Children's Time

**Christian Greetings** Booty Hilton

**New Testament Lesson** I John 1: 5-10

## Morning Prayer

**Hymn No. 458** "Search Me, O God" ELLERS

**Old Testament Lesson** Psalm 51

**Anthem** "Create in me a clean heart, O God" Mueller

**Prayer of Confession No. 457 (In Unison)** Traditional

**Choral Special** "Come, Let Us Reason" Ken Medema

**Sermon** "That Explains the Cat!" Dr. Ray Howell III

**Hymn No. 456** "Come, Let Us Reason" COME LET US REASON

**Offertory Prayer** Tobin Shepherd

**The Offertory** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. John Carter

**Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

**Choral Benediction** "Lord, Now Let Your Servant Go" Green

**Postlude** "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" arr. Henry Coleman

**Today's Lay Reader is Chad Killebrew**

## Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani – Organist Sanctuary Choir

## Lenten Services Each Wednesday

Baptist churches are in charge of the Lenten service this Wednesday at noon at the First United Methodist Church. We are in need of volunteers to help with the service and meal.

## Weekly Schedule

Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Activities
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Business Meeting/Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir

### March 19 – Chili Cook-off Youth Fundraiser

Reservations can be purchased today for the Youth Chili Cook-off next Sunday. We also need volunteers to make chili and desserts. Adults are \$8.00, children \$6.00 with a \$25.00 family limit.

### Senior Adult Spring Celebration March 23, 2017

The celebration begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Oak Hill Memorial Baptist Church in Thomasville. Please contact Sharon Palmer for more information.

### Wednesday Night, March 15, 2017

This Wednesday night we continue the study on worship.

**Extended Sessions: March 12: Bed Babies-M/M Thomas Jolly: Toddler/2 Year Olds-M/M Kyle Kepley: 3 and 4 Year Olds-Hailey Walker, Anna Raye Tate**

**March 19: Bed Babies-M/M Greg Briggs: Toddler/2 Year Olds-M/M Jim Skotthy: 3 and 4 Year Olds-Margaret Ann Maddock, Anna Raye Tate**

**Wednesday Night Menu:** Chicken Chowder, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Salad Bar

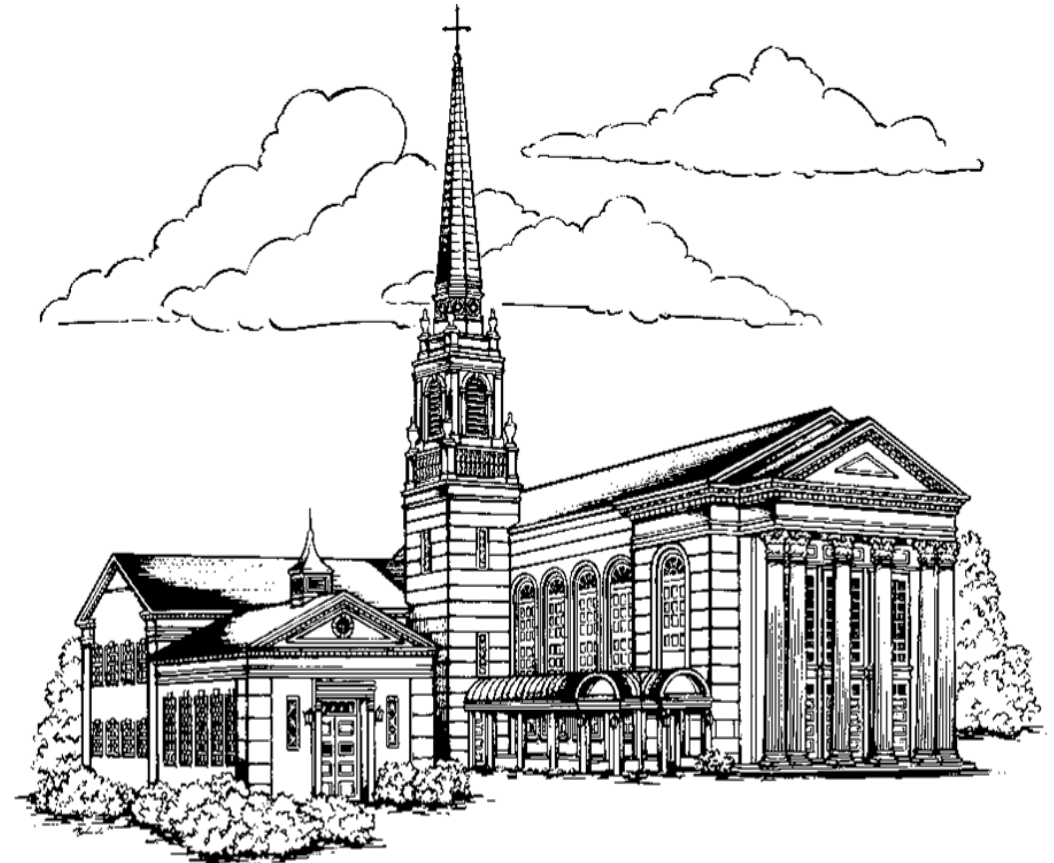
**Children's Menu:** Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

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