

The Worship of God

March 1, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Second Sunday of Lent

THE GATHERING

The Lenten journey leads us to the foot of the cross - not necessarily as mourners but perhaps as crucifiers. We are confronted with images that we frankly do not wish to consider. We are forced to consider our role in placing Jesus on the cross. The images, as haunting as they may be, are necessary to understand the magnitude of God's love. We are indebted beyond comprehension and the only way to repay God for his acts of love is through our devotion and love. Lent is a time to do that.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. Carl Schalk

CHORAL INTROIT *Near the Cross* Fanny J. Crosby 1869
Opening of the Bible Lauren Huneycutt

CALL TO WORSHIP Jillian Briggs

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.
People: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.
Leader: We are here because we want to be God's people.
People: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.
Leader: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the spirit of the Living God.
All: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ.

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Bread for the Journey, Ruth Duck

HYMN NO. 580 *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult* PLEADING SAVIOR
Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

GOSPEL READING Mark 8: 27-38

LITANY *Pilgrims in Process*

Minister: We are pilgrims in process, Lord.
People: We do not yet know what we shall be.
Minister: Like Abraham, we step out in faith, not knowing where we are going.
People: Give us faith to go.
Minister: Like Moses and the children of Israel, we sometimes feel both led and lost.

People: Give us direction for our journey.
Minister: We are a divided people, Lord.
People: Help us to trust in your reconciling love.
Minister: We are a sinful people, Lord.
People: Yet we trust in your transforming grace.
Minister: We are incomplete people, Lord.
People: Yet we trust in the completeness of your mercy.
Minister: We know that your redemptive work in the world is not finished.
People: Yet we trust in the certainty of your victory.
Minister: Help us, Lord, to grow into what we shall be.
All: Give us the courage and the grace we need to follow you.

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 532 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

ANTHEM *My Jesus I Love Thee* Sjolund

SERMON *Who To Follow* Rev. Tommy Wilson

HYMN NO. 523 *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. C. S. Lang

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Near the Cross* Fanny J. Crosby 1869

PRELUDE *Voluntary* Samuel Jackson

Today's Lay Reader is Rod Penry.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

The flowers are placed to the glory of God and in memory of David McKown by Don & Deb Watson.

The rosebud in the vestibule celebrates the birth of Peter Thomas Allen, son of Michal and Jennifer Fuller-Allen. Thomas was born February 26.

The Deacons of the Week are Jimmy Davis and John Thacker.

**“Marching to Holy Week”
Begins Today**

Community Lenten Services - 12 Noon

Join the community for a weekly, ecumenical time of worship each Wednesday at noon at First United Methodist Church. A light lunch of soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage will follow the service at a cost of \$5.00.

Announcements

Sunday, 3/1

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Lobby
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study	

Monday, 3/2

1:45 p.m.	Frady/Johnson Mission Group	Parlor
2:00 p.m.	Bernice Cross Mission Group	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

Tuesday, 3/3

12:00 p.m.	Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	Yarboroughs
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Wednesday, 3/4

12:00 Noon	Community Lenten Worship Service	FUMC
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Child Care Babies (inform church if you need childcare)	Nursery
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	*Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's (Grades 1st thru 5th)	Room 212
	RA's	Room 202
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 206
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st Grade)	Room 206
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5)	Music Suite
	Academy	Various Locations
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

*Menu: Beef Tips over Rice, Gingered Carrots, Slaw, Salad Bar, Dessert

Children: Chicken Tenders

RSVP by noon Monday

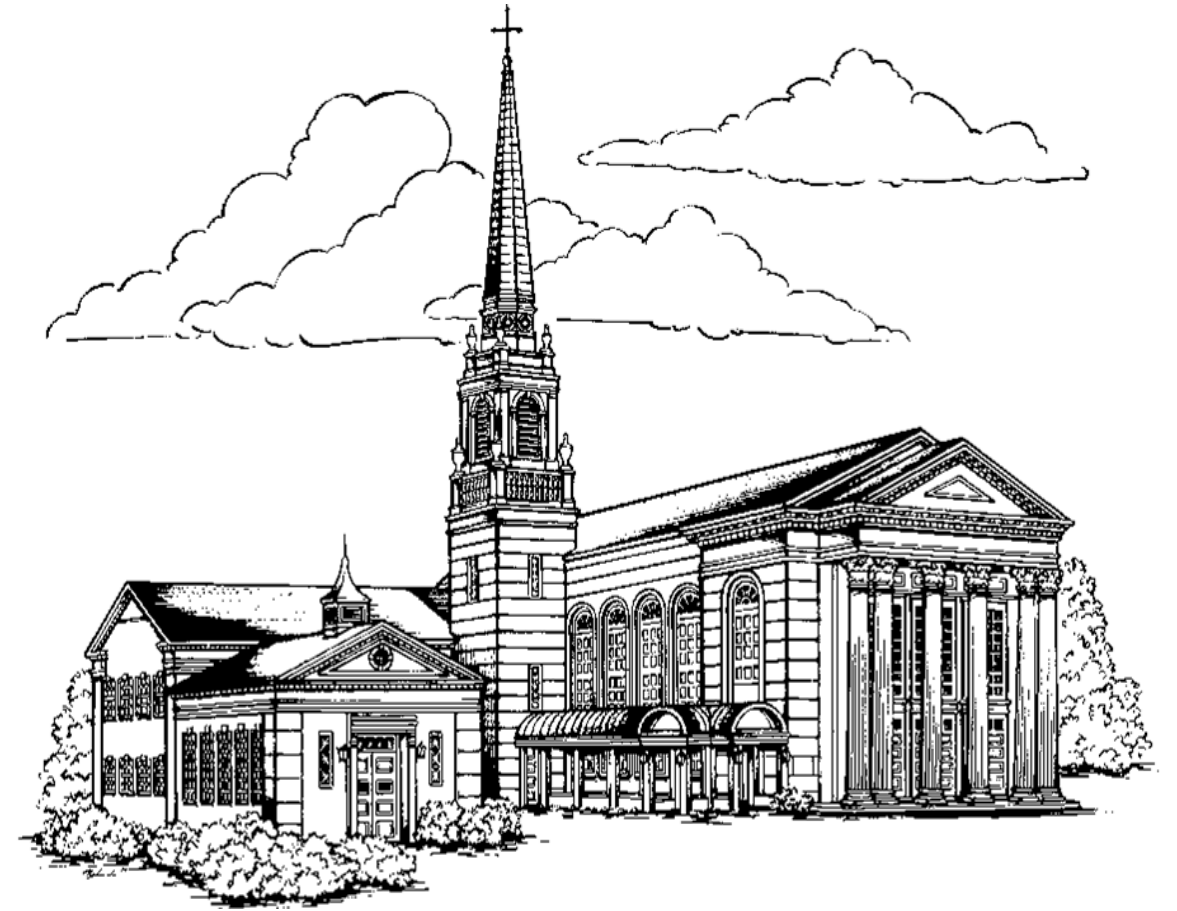
Extended Sessions:

March 1: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:**
M/M Kevin Brown **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

March 4 Academy

Master Gardening - Doug Pearson - The Basics of Pruning: Why, When, How
Chrismon Repairs and making new ones - Brenda Barton & Melinda Hartley
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Virginia Flippin

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