

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3, 202410:30 AM

Welcome and AnnouncementsNancy McElroy

GATHERING

Prelude"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" (Douglas)Rita Harmon

Call to Worship(based on Psalm 19)Nancy McElroy
The heavens tell of God's glory.
The sky proclaims God's handiwork.
Day and night tell the story of God.
Their voices aren't heard, but unspoken truth is everywhere.
God's revelation is whole and pulls our lives together.
God's signposts are clear and point out the right way.
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord.
Lord, you are our rock and our redeemer.

*Hymn of Praise #223"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
~~Please bring your Lenten Prayer Slips forward during this hymn~~

*Call to ConfessionNancy McElroy

*Prayer of Confession
Holy God,
From Mount Sinai you gave us ten words to keep
To be in right relationship with you.
But we cannot keep even those ten.
We misuse your name
Whenever we call ourselves Christian
And then do and say things that are contrary to your teaching.
Our actions put other things – earthly things – in your place.
We hunger for what others have.
We find little time for our families, for ourselves, for you –
much less setting aside an entire day for Sabbath.
We do not love you with our whole heart, mind, and strength,
And we do not love for our neighbors
What we love for ourselves.
Forgive us, we pray.
Forgive the choices we make that keep us from you.
Give us the courage to deny ourselves and follow your way.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
The prophet Isaiah said: "Surely God is my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD is my strength and my defense: God has become my salvation. With joy we draw water from the wells of salvation."
Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Assurance of Pardon Response #437
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the StepsCarrie Wyatt

Anthem"Give Me Jesus" (Spiritual)Chancel Choir
In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.
And when I am alone, oh, and when I am alone, and when I am alone give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.
And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die,
and when I come to die give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, you can have all this world,
you can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

First ReadingPsalm 19 (Pew Bible OT p.498)
Second ReadingJohn 2:13-22 (Pew Bible NT p.93)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit"The Other Side of Jesus"Rev. Bob McCully

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith(A Declaration of Faith, 4.2)
Jesus was what we are.
He grew up in a family and a society
troubled by the common problems of the world.
His knowledge was limited
by his time and place in history.
He felt deeply the joy of friendship
and the hurt of being rejected.
Jesus prayed,
struggled with temptation,
knew anger,
and was subject to suffering and death.
He was like us in every way except sin.
Jesus was what we should be.
He served God with complete trust
and unwavering obedience.
He loved all kinds of people
and accepted their love.
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him
from loving God with his whole being
and his neighbor as himself.
We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.
He demonstrates the new humanity
God promises to give us through him.

*Affirmation of Faith Response #582
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Prayers of the Peopleconcluding with the Lord's Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Kelsey)David Thompson

*Doxology #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #740"Lead Me, Guide Me"
*Charge and BenedictionRev. Bob McCully
*Postlude"Sortie" (Pierre)Rita Harmon
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\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God.

Please remember in prayer:  
Sara Setzer; Butch & Barbara Jarman; Lynda; Matt; Karen Lydon; Tracy;  
Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher;  
Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's lectionary readings are:  
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.

Monthly Giving Opportunity  
The March giving opportunity is One Great Hour of Sharing. You may mark your check "OGHoS" or put it in the MGO box in the worship space.

Spring Bible Study  
This week we turn from the court tales in Daniel (dream interpretation, fiery furnace, lions' den) to Daniel's visions. The second part of Daniel (chapters 7-12) aren't as narrative but certainly offer lots of room for imagination in picturing what exactly is being seen. Join us for a look at chapters 7 and 8 this week in the FLC at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

CE on Wednesday: The Lord's Prayer  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Nothing difficult there, right? What are we implying when we pray that petition? What are we promising? Join us on Wednesday night for intergenerational conversation and activities about forgiveness, debts, and trespasses.

Circle  
The Grace Circle (#4) will meet on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm, in Janet Carroll's home. Robin Morris will lead the Bible Study. The Grace Circle is studying Lesson 6, A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus, which is based on Acts 3:1-10. All women are welcome to join us for a time of prayer, Bible Study, fellowship, and a little bit of breaking of bread.

The Visible Lord's Prayer  
Where on earth do you see the Lord's Prayer? Is it in your daily bread? Do you see signs of God's kingdom on earth? When you see something that reminds you of the Lord's Prayer, grab your phone and take a picture of it. Then either post your photo to the Wakelet (see last week's LimeLight for that information) or send it to Lynn with the part of the prayer that you captured and she will post it. We'll be using some of your photos for bulletin covers during Lent.

Spring Small Group Gatherings  
The Fellowship and Congregational Care Committee is sponsoring a series of small group gatherings for us to join with others for a meal and a time of fellowship. Sign up in the FLC to attend the gathering of your choice.

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**March 4, 1849:** Zachary Taylor, an Episcopalian, refused to take the presidential oath of office on a Sunday. This led to a curious situation in which the United States was "without" a president for a day. James K. Polk's term ended on this day, March 4, 1849, a Sunday. The United States Constitution required of a new president that, "Before he enter on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation: -- "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Taylor refused to take the constitutional oath until March 5, because he did not want to violate the Lord's Day.

**March 5, 1555:** French-born Swiss reformer John Calvin wrote in a letter to Philip Melanchthon: '...you know, however, that our duties by no means depend on our hopes of success, but that it behooves us to accomplish what God requires of us, even when we are in the greatest despair respecting the results.'

CALENDAR of EVENTS

**Sunday, March 3**  
9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

**Tuesday, March 5**  
6:00 PM Bible Study – FLC

**Wednesday, March 6**  
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

**Thursday, March 7**  
7:00 PM Grace Circle – home of Janet Carroll

**Sunday, March 10**  
9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

**Upcoming**  
March 8-9 SC5 School of Theology, Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC  
March 15 Small Group Gathering @ Janet Carroll's  
March 16 Small Group Gathering @ Renee Wiseman's  
March 17 Small Group Gathering @ Becky Wheeler's  
March 21 Small Group Gathering @ Michelle Jolly's  
March 23 Small Group Gathering in the FLC hosted by Robin Morris  
March 24 Palm Sunday  
March 28 Maundy Thursday Service  
March 29 Good Friday Service, 12 noon, Chapel  
March 31 Easter Sunday

NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight
- ☐ Mark May 18, 2024 on your calendar. We will host Foothills Presbytery that day!
- ☐ RSVP for Wednesday night supper.

Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family.  
Each week we invite you to pray for particular members.  
This week we are praying for:

Elizabeth Benson

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 |
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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD,  
GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



Give us this day our daily bread. (Photo credit: Robin Morris)

The evidence of the early church suggests that the community of followers ate together regularly and often, and that in their eating they tried to bear witness to Christ's way of dwelling on earth.  
— Norman Wirzba, *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating*

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