

Welcome to



24 March 2019

Third Sunday in Lent

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements – *Sharing our life together*

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19) C: **Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

(Acts 10:42-43)

C: **Amen**

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Wednesday– 5:00pm – Choir practice - Sanctuary

6:30pm – Men's Group – White House

Thursday – 10:15am & 7:00pm – I Peter – Fellowship Hall

We are joining with the other Forest Churches during this Lenten Season. Every Wednesday at noon, we gather at Bethany UMC for a short devotional and a light meal together. The leadership rotates and our “turn” is 3 April. This is a great time of worship and fellowship. Bethany UMC is 3.3 miles beyond our church. Turn left on Bethany Church Cir.

There is a Conference on family's dealing with addiction on 14 March from 5 – 8 pm. There is no cost and a meal will be served. Flyers are on the back table in the Narthex. Talk to Katie Epley for more information.

This building has a very active pre-school program. We all need to get accustomed to the activity involved and their need to protect the children. The fellowship hall is always available during the week, but the Sanctuary is not available until 3:15pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday's and until 1:15 on Wednesday and Thursday's. Also there is a Master Calendar at the back table that FUMC, the pre-school and the Well Church need to use so we co-ordinate smoothly. Whenever I meet anyone it will be in the white house not my office. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Thanks, Pr. Tom

Cookies for Nottoway Correctional. Bring are due April 3rd.

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Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 85

*Hymn – # 400 “Come thou Fount”

First Lesson – Ezekiel 33.7-20

Prayer Hymn – # 393 “Spirit of the Living God”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – I Corinthians 10.1-13

Offertory

*Doxology – #95

*Gospel – Luke 13.1-9

Our response is, “**Praise be to thee, O Christ**”

Sermon – Steven Arrington

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Unending Hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith: **Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

*Hymn – # 368 “My Hope is Built”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Barbara Kurtz, Juniper Noyes, JoEllen & Wayne Shafer, Pat Day, June Sommers, Bill Wingfield, Greg Marsh, Don Gifford (Jim Burns' brother in law), Terrell Salmon, John Wright, Betty Lou Hall, Liz Griffin, Larry Shepley, Avonna Grace, Jeff Unahuen, June Weeks,-and our missionaries, the Arrington's.

Family of Jeremy Williams, 21 yo, who died on Wed. This is Kelly and Barbara Kurtz's daughter Wendy's nephew. Please pray for all the family.

Glen Roames, Jen's cousin, physical needs

Jack Jeffers, Agnes' cousin in Colorado

Jim Newman

Dot Flanik, recuperating at home

Lorraine Shepley awaiting results

Linda Shiflet, Barry's cousin, with non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Gretchen Wright-broken leg

Ellie Marks, doing well; even went to a formal dance.

Taylor Harlow

Ken Towler, lymphoma

Kathy Nickel, blood clot in her lung

R.C. North, friends of Carey Griffin

Robert Wright's father

Allen, friend of Kelly's, in critical need of a kidney transplant.

Trisha Driskill, recovering from a stroke

Frank Patrick in your prayers as his cancer may have returned.

David Douthat, good friend of Dave Mason's stepdad

Marie Coates, Sue Rossiter's sister, at Heartland

Kathy Stark, friend of Gail's mom, Stage 4 Lymphoma

Carey's great nephew, John.

Little Emmielou, Carey's niece

Rosanna Tropp, Rick and Dawn's daughter in law,

Cassidy Richardson, 14 year old daughter of a friend of Carey's, with cancer.

Dave Johnson, co-worker's friend of Terry Minor, heart complications

Kim Harmin, friend of Dawn's, muscular issues

Adam Burns, Dawn's nephew, at sea.

Betty and Harold Shepherd, friends of Martha Mahanes

Jimmy Thomas' brother-in-law, cancer; Aunt, cancer.

Requested by Dot Flanik children Kim Blaum & Erik Blaum,

PTSD *Requested by Barbara Kurtz* Michele

Karras, a friend with ALS

Requested by Glenn and Ruth Harvey

Sharron Powell, stage 4 cancer

Lisa Reynolds

Farley

Bomar

Requested by Agnes Lowry-Campbell

Barbara Brown; Bill & Nancy

Coursey Sylvia Johnson

Barbara

Hackett, cancer

Requested by Tom Gough

Bill and Ann Smith