

Welcome to



5 March 2023 Second 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 and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together*

Congregational Prayer

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 – 7:00pm – Women’s Group – 160 Kirkley Pl

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Thursday – 10:30am – Bible Study– 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd

7:30pm – Bible Study - 19 George St.

We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.

Today is the Second Sunday in Lent. Lent is the 40 day period preparing for Easter. During this Season we are called to reflect deeply on the life, work and sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us!

We, along with the Seventh Day Adventist congregation, are having a building cleanup after our Service on March 26th. Please bring some work clothes to help throw out and clean up. It will also be a great time of fellowship with the SDA Church.

In March we are collecting Quality Crafts (wooden toys, handmade stocking caps, etc...) for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. There will be a tote in the Narthex for boys and one for girls. Let’s fill these up each month so we can see how many boxes we can fill this coming November.

We are hoping to have a bible study each evening in Holy Week. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (April 2nd). We would begin Monday evening and go through Saturday evening (April 8th). With the exception of Thursday night (Maundy Thursday) which will be in the Sanctuary, we would like to have them in homes. If you are interested in hosting a bible study one evening please let Pastor Tom know. Besides a focused bible study for the week, this will also be a great time to get to know each other better.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 121

*Hymn #421 “The Master Hath Come”

First Lesson – Genesis 12.1-9

Call to Prayer #419 “Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

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

Second Lesson – Romans 4.1-8, 13-17

Offertory -

*Doxology – #668

*Gospel – John 3.1-17 **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon – “How to Follow Your Calling”

*The Apostles' Creed

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.

Hosanna in the Highest.

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 #391 “We are Called to be God's People”

*Benediction

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Liz Griffin, Larry Shepley, Diane Geiger, Gail Everett, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Mike Toney, Jean Moriety, Heather Wright, Jimmy Gratto, Fred Greene, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Wayne Williams, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Chip Brand, Helen Kinzer, Bea Gardner & those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The people of Ukraine and Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella Lorina,
The people of Turkey and Syria
Carolyn Ashwell
Glen Harvey
Rich Monroe, Gail's uncle, fell in rehab, multiple breakages
Barbara Hackett, knee replacement surgery, March 7th
Leslie Hair, intestinal issues
Bob Forrest, back issues
Yvette Clark's great grandson, Camden
Emmielou Yoder, Carey's niece
Joan Rosin, recovering from retina surgery
Mary Kessler, friend of the Dietrich's
Betty Lou Hall, Gail's aunt, aging issues
Michael & Danielle Dorrsett's baby Paisley
Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter
Kathy Van Clapdorp
Jan Grey
Chris Griffin, Web's mom, general health issues
Kelly Osborne, daughter of friend of the Kinzer's with cancer
Sharon Powell, cancer, and Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys
Cayden Slayton, 11 yo, difficulties with COVID from last year
Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter's brother in law, cardiac concerns
Justice Ashwell, Carolyn's grandson
Laura Cash, friend of Web's
Louanna Epley, lost her husband; Katie's sister in law
Sherry Marsh, starting dialysis, and her family
Debbie Reeves, cancer
Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis
Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha's
Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich's, health issues of Bob
Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha
Melody Henry, Mona's sister a nurse and all health care givers
Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes