

First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR
OPENING VOLUNTARY *I Need Thee Every Hour*—Wood Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Becky Newbill, Liturgist
L: Only the hungry search for bread; only the thirsty look for water.
P: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.
L: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it; only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.
P: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.
L: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
P: And let the God of life satisfy our souls. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 139
INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233
CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller
(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***LENTEN CONFESSION (IN UNISON)** Written by Martha Collins
Our Loving God, please forgive us, when we say hurtful things to our family. Please forgive us, when we fail to reach out to those in need. Please forgive us, when we fail to forgive others when they say hurtful things to us. Please forgive us, when we return anger for anger. Please forgive us. We love you God. Please help us to show more love to you and others. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 3:18-22 New Testament pg. 220
L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Savior: By Water and the Spirit* Rev. Waller

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*—Wood
***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Make Us One* TFWS No. 2224
Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you. (repeat)

SILENT PRAYER

ANTHEM *We Will Remember You*—Larson Chancel Choir

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

At the invitation of an usher, please use a center aisle to come to a Communion Station. After receiving a piece of bread, please place it in the chalice of juice and eat it. A gluten-free station is located at the center of the Communion Rail. Afterwards, please return to your seat via a side aisle. All offerings left at the Rail are used in our "Helping Fund," supporting emergency needs for Franklin County residents.

(Individual communion containers will be available if you would like to use them.)

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* No. 369

***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *As We Go*
As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

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***GOING FORTH**

Rev. Waller

***POSTLUDE**

Mrs. Meeks

The altar flowers are given by Bobby and Glenda Thompson to the Glory of God during this Lenten season in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for us.

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Becky Newbill

Acolytes: Martha Anderson and Waverly Clements

Greeters: Nathan Angle and Jovie Angle

Usher: Steve Angle

Children's Church: Tammy Burdick

Nursery: Ina Clements

Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Serving Next Week (March 13):

Liturgist: Benny Gibson

Acolyte: Linda Handy

Greeters: Jim and Martha Anderson

Ushers: Jim and Martha Anderson

Children's Church: Jami Clements and David Pigg

Nursery: Jessica Call

Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; Eva Prillaman; John Cooper; Jeanette Singleton; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Richard McDaniel (Lindsay McDaniel); Doris Ferguson (wife of Bill Ferguson, former pastor of RMUMC); Everett Cotter (LuAnn Dunbar); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Matt Foutz (Jennifer Altice); Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Tracey Willett (Mike Meeks); Melissa Hays Smith (Marsha Robertson); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

Will Waller, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Craig Jamison, Custodian

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Today, March 6** **5:00 p.m.**, Youth Meeting
- **Monday, March 7** **11:00 a.m.**, United Methodist Women Meeting
 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday, March 8** **9:30 a.m.**, Ladies Bible Study
 7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
- **Wednesday, March 9** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Redwood United Methodist Church
 5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
 7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, March 10** **6:30 p.m.**, Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, March 13** **Don't forget to "spring forward!" Daylight Saving Time Begins!**
 10:00 a.m., Small Groups
 10:55 a.m., Worship
- **Monday, March 14** **April Newsletter Deadline**
- **Wednesday, March 16** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount Christian Church
- **Sunday, March 20** **8:45 a.m.**, United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 22** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
 12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
- **Wednesday, March 23** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount Baptist Church
- **Thursday, March 24** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Coming this Lent, an old friend returns! We are once again partnering with the other churches in Rocky Mount to host a Lenten Lunch Series. Worship services will be on March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 at noon. Sing, pray, and fellowship with believers from around Rocky Mount. Stay for a small meal.

Next Sunday, Gary Robertson will be speaking briefly to our congregation about the work of the Gideons throughout Franklin County and beyond. There will be a special offering taken up and you will be invited to give the gift of Bibles. Thank you for considering making an offering towards this important work.

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Our bell choir has a couple of openings that we're looking to fill immediately. Payment includes joy, peace, harmony, and satisfaction. No experience needed, although being able to swing a metal object is required. Application is short, all you have to do is talk to Ringmaster Lynn Meeks.

We are collecting beef stew for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

A scholarship has been established in memory of Linda Wahlberg at Franklin County High School. It is sponsored by the Family and Consumer Sciences division and the program Teens-N-Tots. It will be for any student that is pursuing a career in Education or any other child related career. Donations should be sent to the High School with attention to Linda Wahlberg Memorial Scholarship. Direct the letter to the FCHS bookkeeper, Sabrina Greco, at 700 Pell Avenue, Rocky Mount, VA 24151 for the Linda Wahlberg Memorial Scholarship.

Thank you to all who donated during the January Soup Drive. 330 bags were delivered to Seniors in the community.