

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 12, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Jack Watts
CHIMING THE HOUR
OPENING VOLUNTARY *The King of Love*—Southbridge Mrs. Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Greg Dunlap, Liturgist
(Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution blog.
Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/contemporary-call-proper-27a.html>)

L: Are you awake? Are you alert?

P: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

L: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

P: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

L: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

P: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

L: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

P: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Jesus Shall Reign* No. 157

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWs No. 2233
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S TIME Mrs. Meeks
(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER Tammy Burdick

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:21-37 New Testament pg. 4

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *But I Say* Rev. Jennifer Coffey

OFFERTORY *Crown Him with Many Crowns*—Smith
(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

***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**

ANTHEM *Draw the Circle Wide*—Miller Mariah Shealor, Soloist/Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Cares Chorus* TFWs No. 2215
I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *The Gift of Love* No. 408

***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.

***GOING FORTH** Rev. Coffey

***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by P. D. and Mittie Hambrick to the Glory of God and in celebration of their youngest son, Brian's birthday on Valentine's Day. Happy Valentine's to all our church members too.

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Greg Dunlap
Greeters: Bobby and Glenda Thompson
Acolyte: Landry Foutz
Usher: Benny Gibson
Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson
Nursery: Mittie Hambrick
Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

Serving Next Week (February 19):

Liturgist: Scouts
Greeters: Scouts
Acolyte: Miles Gibson
Usher: Scouts
Children's Church: Christina Gibson
Nursery: Jane Roseberry
Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Debbie Caulder; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Paul and Barbara Scaffaci (Nancy Middaugh); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Cheryl Peck (Sandra Funk); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); and Family of Jerry Reynolds who passed away on February 2.

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
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Monday, February 13** **March Newsletter Deadline**
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts

- **Tuesday, February 14** 7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
- **Wednesday, February 15** 5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

- **Thursday, February 16** 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts

- **Next Sunday, Feb. 19** 8:45 a.m., United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting
10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship-Scout Sunday
5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting

- **Monday, February 20** **Middle Schoolers' Ski Trip**
- **Wednesday, Feb. 22** 7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service
- **Thursday, February 23** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
- **Sunday, February 26** **Following worship**, Question and Answer Session about the potential renovation of the kitchen and fellowship hall

- **Tuesday, February 28** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch

- **Wednesday, March 1** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount Christian Church

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

The Building Committee charged with detailing the prospects for a kitchen and fellowship hall renovation are inviting everyone to a question and answer session in the Fellowship Hall on February 26 (snow date March 5) immediately following worship. Members will be on hand to discuss what proposals have been made and what next steps would be if either Option 3 or 4 are ultimately chosen at a future Church Conference date. No votes will be taken, this is for information purposes only.

All women of the church are invited to the Ladies Bible Study that begins March 7. We will be studying "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer. We will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room (Redeemer's SS Classroom). Books will cost \$25 per person. Please notify Linda Walters (757-635-0109; lindaw@shentel.net) or Peggy Hodges (540-263-2470; peggyjhodges@hotmail.com) as soon as possible if you plan to participate so we can order books. Invite your friends and family to come too!

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Everyone is invited to join in the community Lenten Services. Each service is listed below and will begin at 12:00 noon. A light lunch will be served following the service, provided by the host church.

March 1	Rocky Mount Christian Church
March 8	Rocky Mount United Methodist Church
March 15	Redwood United Methodist Church
March 22	Rocky Mount Baptist Church
March 29	First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be June 26- 29!

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

Pastor Will is on vacation and out of the state through February 16. Pastors Sarah and Clayton Payne at Redwood UMC will be on-call for any pastoral emergencies. The phone number to reach them is 434-258-9515.