

An Order for the Worship of God

First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – Purple

*Please stand as you are able. Please remember to turn off cell phones and pagers.

Gathering Music Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

Opening Voluntary *Amazing Grace* Gilbert Martin

***Call to Worship** (8:30) Ray Zimmerman (10:45) Emmaly Manuel

Leader: God, we gather to sing your praise and hear your word.

All: **Speak to us now, that we may be wise enough to perceive your call.**

Leader: Strengthen us, that we may be brave enough to answer when you call.

All: **Guide us now, that we may follow where you would have us to go.**

***Hymn 340** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Psalter (please be seated) Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Prayer of Confession

We have gathered here, loving God,
to mark the season of Lent,
to begin that journey to the cross.

We have gathered here to repent of our sins.

We have gathered here to be in the presence of one another,
where we can draw strength,
knowing that wherever two or three of us are gathered,
You are present among us.

Guide us throughout these forty days
as we journey deeper into Your embrace,
and as we journey to the cross,
let us put to death those things
that separate us from each other and from you.

May we know Your presence is always with us,
the power of Your transformative love is within us,
and may we know Your grace surrounds us
and is beyond us.

In the name of Jesus,
our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *And Can It Be?* Dan Forrest

James Harr, solo

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain?
For me who Him in death pursued?
Amazing love!

How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.
And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus and all in Him is mine!

Alive in Him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God should die for me?

Amazing love!

(words by Charles Wesley)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:45)

Luke Jason Walston, son of Jay and Robyn Walston,

will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The children are invited to the chancel steps for the baptism.

Congregational Commendation and Pledge

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care, Luke, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Musical Response

God Claims You

Refrain
Luke, Luke, God claims you, God
helps you, pro - tects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all a - gree a
We your fam - ily love you so, we
child of God you'll al - ways be. to Refrain
vow to help your faith to grow.

Call to Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Dr. Linda I. McDaniel

Response to Prayer

Time for Children (8:30)

Ritual of Friendship

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it along your pew.)

Receiving the Morning Tithes and Offerings

(Prayer request cards may also be placed in the offering plates.)

Anthem (8:30) *Air* Gordon Young

(10:45) *Softly and Tenderly* arr. G. Martin

The Chancel Choir: Emma Allyn, solo

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
Patiently, Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
(Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,) pleading for you and for me;
(Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,) mercies for you and for me!
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
O, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;
Tho' we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

(words by Will Thompson, 1880)

*Doxology (#95)

***Hymn 347**

Spirit Song

***Gospel Lesson** (please remain standing)

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon

Peter: The Call

Dr. C. Mark Gooden

Response to the Word

God of grace and glory, you have called us to great visions.

**But we confess that too often we have let petty matters
sidetrack great dreams.**

**Forgive us when we are so preoccupied by the trivial
that we lose sight of the eternal.**

You have called us to be brothers and sisters and companions.

**But we confess that too often
we find it easier to find fault than to offer grace.**

**Forgive us when we are more interested
in how we will look to one another
than in how we will live together.**

You have called us to be salt and light.

**But we confess that too often we have been content
to be pale imitations**

that neither cause a ripple or make a difference.

**Forgive us when we would rather go along with this world
than risk challenging this world. Amen.**

***Hymn 577**

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Benediction

Voluntary

Tocatta in E Minor

J. Pachelbel

*Congregation standing as they are able

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ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE – ASK USHERS FOR ASSISTANCE.

- Please check-in all children before they leave for Children's Worship. **FIRST KIDS**
- Childcare & Children's Worship available.
- Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.
- 10:45 Service telecast on Channel 12, WDEF-TV, 6 & 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Visitors please stop by the Visitors' Information Desk in the Narthex.

We are glad you are here!

Please register your attendance on the Ritual of Friendship pad
and pass it to your neighbors so they can register also.

Assisting in the 8:30 Service

8:30 SERVICE – Ushers: John Hughes, Ed Kern, Nick Nicholson, Ed Watt

Head Usher: David Hudson **Greeters:** Renee Hudson, Martha Payne

Nave Volunteers: Renee Hudson, Lynn & Pat Panter

10:45 SERVICE – Ushers: John Bode, Jack Carroll, Emory Fry, Gary Paul,

Chris Schobert, Joe Waddell, Erin Wallin **Head Usher:** Steve Barringer

Greeters: Rosemary Ault, Mary Caldwell, Shelby Millsaps, Davis & Sally Taylor

Nave Volunteers: Blaine & Carmen Morris

Acolytes: Lainey Maddox, Allison Royal

Banner: Matthew Ashline **Crucifer:** Nick Maddox

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Benjamin Kilbride by his family.*

PREACHING IN THE VINE: Rev. Will Lauderback



Prime Time Wednesday

Dinner at 5:15 p.m. Classes at 6 p.m.

Children's Music, Children's Activities & Youth at 6 p.m.

March 13	Introduction & Chapter 1
March 20	Chapter 2
March 27	Chapter 3
April 3	Chapters 4 and 5
April 10	Chapter 6 and Epilogue
April 18	Maudy Thursday Service

Lenten Study: SIMON PETER

An ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. Throughout our Lenten journey this year we will study and grow with Simon Peter from his calling on the seashore to the cross.



Make dinner reservations by 4 p.m. Monday.

Call 756-2021, ext 3123 or EMAIL foodrsvp@fcumc.org

March 13 – Baked Ziti, Garden Salad, Greek Salad, Garlic Bread, Oreo Pudding
Salad available upon pre-order. Non-dairy & meat free items available upon pre-order.

\$25 max per household. \$8 adults. \$5 children & youth.

With an adult meal, children 3 & under eat free. Thank you for keeping your dinner reservations current. We pay in advance for the number of meals we order.

GRIEFSHARE - GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP – March 13 - April 10 – Conference Room 105 during Prime Time Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m. Times of sharing with anyone coping with day-to-day absence of loved ones, caused by death or unexplained loss of relationship.

IN CONCERT The Candler Singers Sunday, March 31 at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – April 4 – *A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial*

FIRST KIDS – Bible Gala (2nd-5th Grade) – April 7 at 11:45 a.m.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP – July 20-27 – Contact Tina Harris at 706-937-5508 or tinaharris@catt.com for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

Sunday, March 10

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship
- 10:45 a.m. The Vine Worship
- 12:45 p.m. New Member Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. Breakthrough Worship
- 6:00 p.m. OSP Rehearsal

Monday, March 11

- 9:30 a.m. Walker Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Mustard Tree Clothes Closet
- 12:30 p.m. Prayer Requests
- 6:00 p.m. The LOFT
- 6:00 p.m. PCS - Dinner & Program
- 6:00 p.m. OSP Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 12

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Crafty Capers
- Noon Mustard Tree Board
- 1:00 p.m. SLI Team Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. OSP Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 13

- 9:30 a.m. Busy Moms
- 10:30 a.m. DAR - Parham
- 5:15 p.m. Prime Time Dinner
- 5:15 p.m. Youth Activities
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
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- 6:00 p.m. Grief Share
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 14

- 1:30 p.m. Aldersgate Vibrations
- 6:00 p.m. OSP Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. UMW - CALEB Group Board

Friday, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. SLI Team 3

Saturday, March 16

- 10:00 a.m. FORWARD Grief Group

Commendation and Welcome – New Members

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the First-Centenary congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

CHURCH STAFF

MARK GOODEN	Senior Minister
LINDA I. MCDANIEL	Minister, Adult Discipleship/Congregational Care
WILL LAUDERBACK	Minister of Teaching & Contemporary Worship
BARRY KIDWELL	Minister of Mustard Tree Ministry & Outreach
MICHAEL REYNOLDS	Minister of Pastoral Counseling
CLARK TAYLOR	Minister of Faith and Work
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Reading from the Lectionary
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

For medical emergencies during worship services, contact the ushers. They will call 911. Defibrillator & Oxygen in see-through hallway cabinet near back of Sanctuary, where we hang our coats.



Welcome, Guests!

We're glad you came. We would like to get to know you better.

Please fill out the blue page in the Ritual of Friendship. The Ritual will be passed during the announcement time, or you can find it on the inside aisle end of your pew. You may leave the blue page in the Ritual folder or bring it to the Welcome Desk in the Narthex (back of the church). We'd like to give you some information about the church and a little gift.



March 10, 2019

8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Return to the Lord:

leave the comforts,
give up the latte,
forsake the silk,
turn off the technology.

Return to the Lord:

put on the sackcloth,
feel the ash,
walk in contemplation,
journey to the depths.

Return to the Lord:

rend your hearts,
forsake evil,
avoid pretense,
refuse to go numb.

Return to the Lord:

put on the grace of God,
feel the Spirit,
walk forty days with Jesus,
take time to be holy.



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Sunday
in
Lent