

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2022

ENTRANCE

GATHERING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PRELUDE (Hovanness)

Prayer of St. Gregory

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In returning and rest you shall be saved;

In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

☼ *HYMN

Better Is One Day

✠ *DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*OPENING PRAYER

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**God of wilderness and water,
your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.
Guide us through this season,
that we may not avoid struggle,
but open ourselves to blessing,
through the cleansing depts. of repentance
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.**

✠ *HYMN UMH 130

God Will Take Care of You

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you,

And also with you.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING UMH 810

Psalm 91

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

✠ CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE

An Opportune Time

RESPONSE

PRAYER

**God, we have to admit that we don't like Ash
Wednesday. We would rather skip the penitence
and soul-searching of Lent and skip right to the joy
of Easter morning. The world teaches us that
mistakes are awful and should be covered up at all
cost. We learn to blame others instead of owning
up to what we do and the pain we inflict.**

**Lord God, give us the strength in this time of Lent to
ask for forgiveness for the hurt we cause and the
mistakes we make. Remind us that the difficulties
of life form and shape us. Teach us how to turn
back to you, to love our neighbor, and to reach out
to those who suffer.**

**Loving God, we know Jesus spent forty days in the
desert preparing for his ministry to the world. We
ask that you use these forty days of Lent to prepare
us for our mission to the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SENDING FORTH

☼ *HYMN

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

✠ *HYMN UMH 269

The Lord's Prayer

*BENEDICTION

*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

✠ *POSTLUDE (J.S. Bach)

Fantasia in G minor

***Those who are able, please stand**

☼ = 8:45 am Service, ✠ = 11:00 am service

LUKE 4:1-13

⁴ Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. ² There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. ³ The devil said to him, "Since you are God's Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

⁴ Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread.*"

⁵ Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ The devil said, "I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It's been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. ⁷ Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*"

⁹ The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here; ¹⁰ for it's written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you* ¹¹ and *they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone.*"

¹² Jesus answered, "It's been said, *Don't test the Lord your God.*" ¹³ After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

NOTES:

Welcome! We are so glad you chose to worship with us today and we are excited about all the great work God is doing in and through our congregation! The power of God changes lives, and we are all part of that change. When we choose to allow the Lord to lead and guide us, the amazing happens. We invite you to join us in the ongoing journey of faith that yields amazing things.

Facilities:

Bristol Glen: Ethel Klingenberg Chestnut Grove: Georgia Shoop
 Harmony: Dan Wilson Hundley Center: Jo Carol Cole
 Petersburg Home for Ladies: Marjorie Grammer Pineview: Ann Nichols
 Missionaries: Guthrie Family and Annie Judd Wall
 Family & Friends of Peter Hunt

KNOWN PRAYER CONCERNS

Members at Home:	Loved Ones and Community:
Shirley Carrillo	Afghan Refugees
Anne Cole	First Responders
Paul, Nancy & Peggy Conner	Hospital Workers
Donald Curtis	Our Leaders & Our Nation
Herbert Farrar	Russian & Ukraine Conflict
Ann Hardin	Storm victims
Lynn Haskins	Teachers and students
Barbara Hudson	Royall Boswell
Billy Judd	Christopher Brack
Evelyn Lambert	Carl Dunn
Sam Moore	Debbie Erickson
Lewis Nichols	Nina Hoffer
Jerry Reynolds	Carolyn Merkel
Roger Tanner	Judi C. Newman
Julia Taylor	Louise Ogburn
Herbert & Deborah Tuck	Marsha R. Smith
Martin & Shirley Wetherbee	
Dylan Willis	

THIS WEEK

Today: 8:45 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 pm Youth
Tuesday: 9:00 am Wings Ministry
 1:00 pm Upper Room
 7:30 pm Synago
Wednesday: 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 pm Choir
 8:00 pm AA Group
Friday: 8:00 pm Friday Sobriety Group
Saturday: 8:00 am Community Service Sale at Upper Room

Next Week's Sermon:
 Luke 13:31-35
 Under the Wings

UPCOMING

March 14-18 Town Cleanup week
 March 15 Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
 March 19 YNOW
 March 20 U.M. Men's Breakfast
 March 20 Church Council Meeting
 March 20 Youth Meeting 5-6 pm
 March 23 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 April 10 Palm Sunday
 April 13 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 April 14 Youth-SH Elementary Feedmore Program
 April 14 Maundy Thursday
 April 15 Good Friday
 April 17 Easter Sunday

TODAY

Liturgist: Mary Hardin
 Teller: Anne Cole
 Music Director/Organist: Jimmie Crowder, Jr.
 Worship Technician: Elizabeth Black, Glenn Johnson
 Bishop: Sharma D. Lewis
 District Superintendent: James H. Carey, Jr.



Easter Lily orders are now being accepted to be placed on the altar for Easter. If you would like to place an order in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete the order form and place it with payment in the offering plate or return to the church office by Sunday, March 27th.

NOTES OF INTEREST:

Registration at lightthenight.net

Church Office Hours This Week

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
 Office phone: 434-447-4761

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