

First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025
11:00 AM

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” arr. Berry

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

“There is a Balm in Gilead” African American Spiritual

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” No. 328 (2 times)

The Children’s Moments

Rachel Wood

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**
Lord in your mercy, **hear our 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.

****The Congregational Hymn***

“He Touched Me” No. 367 (all verses)

****The Apostle’s Creed***

No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Berry

****The Doxology***

****The Gospel Lesson***

John 14:15-31

Reader: This is the Word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

****The Gloria Patri***

The Anthem

“Holy Spirit Live in Me” arr. Schrader

The Sermon

“Love, Obedience, and the Holy Spirit”

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Trust and Obey” No. 467 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

****The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

****The Choral Benediction***

“Soon-a Will Be Done” African American Spiritual

****Postlude***

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” arr. Berry

*The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving honor of
every precious person in our FUMC family
by Eugene and Elizabeth Bailey.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ferns for Missions - We will be selling Ferns again this year for our Lenten Mission project. 10 inch Boston Hanging and Kimberly Queen ferns are available for sale through March 30th. Ferns are \$22 each and pick up will be on Saturday, April 5th from 9:00-10:30 AM. Call the church office to order.

Hydrangeas - The J. B. Cook Class is selling white hydrangeas to adorn our chancel area on Easter. You may purchase these hydrangeas in memory or honor of a loved one which will be listed in a special booklet. Each hydrangea will sell for \$25, and you may call the church office to place your order by April 6th. All proceeds will go to the Elevator Fund.

Women's Class - We will have a Women's Class during the Lenten season starting Sunday, March 9th to study *Give It Up!* The class will meet in Room #107 (the Good Shepherd classroom). Gathering time will be from 9:45 to 10:00 am with Bible study from 10:00 to 10:30 AM. If you are interested in being a part of this class, please contact Julie Gray.

Men's Class - Starting March 9th, a Lenten Men's class will begin to study "Jesus' Journey to the Cross." Any men who are looking for a Sunday School Class are welcome. The class will meet in Room #205 at 9:45 AM.

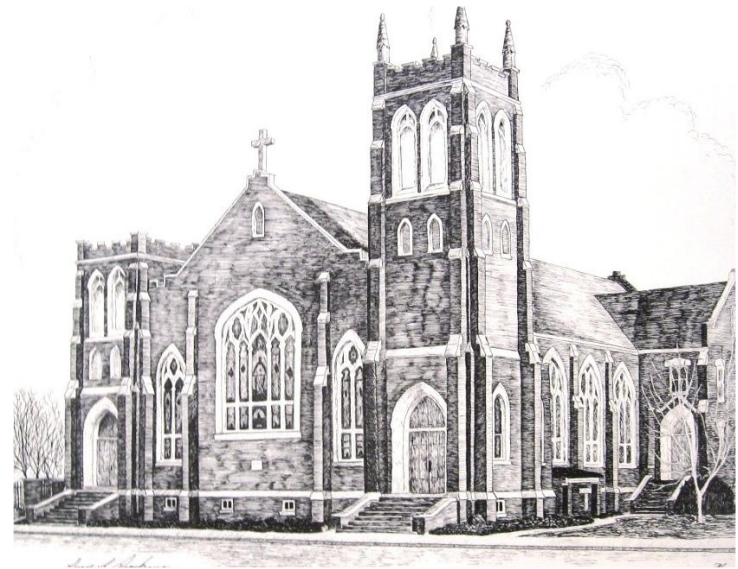
Lunch Bunch – The Lunch Bunch will go to lunch at Peppers in Columbus on Friday, March 14. The van will leave at 11:00. Call Gail Foote or Donna Cook to sign up.

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

03/11/25 at 5:30pm	Nominations and Personnel	Library
03/16/25 at 12:15pm	Leadership Council	Library
03/23/25 at 12:15pm	Handyman Crew	Library
03/30/25 at 8:45am	Worship Committee	Library
03/30/25 at 3:00pm	Student Ministries	Library

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Rachel Wood, Music Ministries
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries
Kindal Gammill, Pianist**