

***Third Sunday in Lent***  
**March 23, 2025**  
**11:00 AM**

***The Chiming of the Worship Hour***

***The Welcome and Announcements***

***The Prelude***

“He Hideth My Soul” arr. Cook

***The Lighting of the Candles***

***The Introit***

“There is a Balm in Gilead” African American Spiritual

***The Opening Prayer***

***\*The Hymn of Praise***

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” No. 399 (all verses)

***Confession, Pardon, and Peace***

see insert

***The Children’s Moments***

***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***

“Blessed Assurance” No. 369 (vs. 1, 3)

***\*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***

“In the Garden” arr. Cook

***\*The Doxology***

***\*The Gospel Lesson***

John 15:18-16:4

Reader: This is the Word of God.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

***\*The Gloria Patri***

***The Anthem***

“That Wonderful Name Medley” arr. Mauldin

***The Sermon***

“Expecting and Accepting the Rejection of the World”

***\*The Hymn of Invitation***

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” No. 298 (all verses)

***\*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***

“Draw Me Nearer and Close to Thee” arr. Cook

*The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God  
and given in loving memory of  
Bob Drake  
by his wife, Linda, his children and his grandchildren.*

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Handy Crew** – Do you have a knack for organizing? Skills with a paintbrush, drill, or hammer? An eye for detail? Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today as we try spend a few minutes sharing about the work of the Handy Crew and do a walk-around of our facilities to make a list of things that might need some attention.

**Lenten Sunday School Classes** – It’s not too late to jump in! A women’s class, meeting in Room #107, is discussing study *Give It Up!* - a Lenten study that reflects on all the things that hold our attention, occupy our minds monopolize our time, and isolate us from God and the world around us. Gathering 9:45-10:00 and study from 10:00-10:30. A men’s class is studying “Jesus’ Journey to the Cross” in room #205, starting at 9:45.

**Ferns for Missions** - We are 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 for Easter. Each hydrangea will sell for \$25. Call the church office to place your order by April 6th. All proceeds will go to the Elevator Fund.

**Elevator** – After doing a final round of due diligence on the elevator modernization project, the Leadership Council determined to move forward with Bagby Elevator Company. They are an independent, union company and have provided excellent and cost-effective service to the church for years. The total cost is estimated at \$81,600. We will be working hard to raise the money to fund this project to ensure that worship and ministry is open to everyone at First UMC

**Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings**

03/23/25 at 12:15	Handy Crew	Library
03/30/25 at 8:45am	Worship Committee	Library
03/30/25 at 3:00pm	Student Ministries	Library

**First United Methodist Church  
612 East Broad Street  
West Point, MS 39773**

**March 23, 2025**



**Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor  
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries  
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries  
Kindal Gammill, Pianist**