

***Fourth Sunday in Lent
Service of Word
March 15, 2026 at 11:00am***

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” arr. Berry

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

“Gentle Shepherd” Gaither

The Opening Prayer

Almighty God, unto you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

****The Hymn of Praise***

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” No. 340 (all verses)

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 Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” arr. Berry

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

****The Prayer for Illumination*** see insert

****The Scripture Lesson*** Matthew 4:1-11

The Special Music

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Wood
Rachel Wood, soloist

The Sermon

“Giving Up: Fame and Power”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****The Hymn of Response***

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

****The Apostles’ Creed*** No. 881

****The Gloria Patri***

SENDING FORTH

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“I Surrender All” No. 354 (vs. 1, 2)

****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***

“All My Trials” Sinclair

****Postlude***

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” arr. Berry

***The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Shirley Circle – The Judy Shirley Circle will meet Monday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Tammy Walters and LaDonna Helveston. Gracy Taylor will lead the study on Chapter 10 in the book *Twelve Ordinary Men*.

Hydrangeas and Ferns – The J. B. Cook Class is selling white hydrangeas to adorn our chancel area for Easter. Each hydrangea will sell for \$25. The church is also selling ferns for \$22.00. All proceeds for both plants will go to missions. Call the church office to place your orders.

Holy Week – Mark your calendars to make sure you can participate in this year's holy week worship. There will be no Wednesday night activities during Holy Week.

Sunday, March 29	11:00am	Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday, April 2	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, April 3	12:05pm	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, April 5	11:00am	Easter Worship

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will take place in the church library

Mar. 23 at 4:30pm – Student Ministries Committee

Mar. 24 at 6:00pm – Leadership Council

Mar. 30 at 5:00pm – CDC Board

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:30pm Wednesday Night Meal – All Ages Welcome (FH)

6:00pm Small Groups
(Lighthouse Kids, Youth Fellowship, Adults)

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