

This Week's Announcements

11:00 am Worship

March 5, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Choral Call to Worship "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple" Choir  
Greeting/Announcements  
Prelude:

\*Salutation and Call to Worship:

We lift our eyes to the hills seeking help.

**Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Lord watches over us,

**In Jesus Christ, the love of God watches over our coming and going both now and forevermore.**

**Let us worship the Lord!**

\*Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King" Hymnal #23

\*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in word and deed. We explain away and excuse our guilt and try to hide in darkness. But You bring light to that darkness which the darkness cannot overcome. We bless that which we should curse and curse those things that we should bless. But You have revealed Your love and opened our eyes to see Your salvation in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, by Your steadfast love. We cast aside our false righteousness and cling only to the righteousness of Christ. Create a clean heart in us and let us walk in Your light throughout eternity. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

\*Silent Confession of Sin

\*Assurance of Pardon:

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734  
Walks with Jesus Rev. Glenn Coleman  
First Scripture: Psalm 121 Pew Bible #537

Prayers of the People (see list below)  
Choral Call to Prayer "O How He Loves You and Me" Choir  
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

\*Hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Hymnal #317  
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology Hymnal #34

\*Prayer

Anthem: (#254) "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17 Bible #1029

Sermon: "He Came In Darkness" Rev. Glenn Coleman

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Apostle's Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

\*Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Hymnal #255

\* Charge and Blessing

\* Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers

Shut-in: Tee Godbold

- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Listening devices** are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Prayer Cards** are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

**Ushers** – serving today Robert Guthrie at the North Door, with Pat Hay\*at the South Door. Acolyte is Maelyn Fraser Freshour. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

**Greeting Card Ministry** – We will meet again this Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Nursery. This is such a great ministry, as we have a fun time making them and then brighten others' lives when they receive them. Come out and join us.

**Women's Bible Study** – We are using the Bible, book of Hebrews, as our study. We meet each Wednesday, in the Philathea Room at 10:30. Come out and join us.

**Daylight Savings Time** – We return to Daylight Savings Time this coming weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before bed Saturday, March 11, so you will be on time for church

**Lenten Luncheons** – Our annual Lenten luncheons continue each Wednesday at 12 noon. We invite all to bring a bagged lunch and a friend. Drinks and dessert will be provided. These devotionals are always a wonderful opportunity to bring Christ into our daily lives. Come listen to a devotional provided by a variety of local pastors. The devotion will begin each Wednesday at 12:30 pm and promptly conclude at 12:45 so it can easily fit into a lunch hour. The remaining schedule is as follows:

March 8 – Youth Pastor – Hunter Boyle – Hope Church

March 15 – Rev. Susan Davis – First Baptist

March 22 – Rev. Thad Decker – Main St. Methodist

March 29 – Pastor Dave Webb – Church of God

April 5 – Sentara Hospice Chaplain – Rev. Laurie Fox

**Session and Diaconate** – The next meeting of these two groups will be Sunday, March 19 at 12:30 and 3 pm, respectively.

**5 Cents-a-Meal** – Our next collection for this Presbytery program will be Sunday, March 19. Please mark your donations accordingly.

**Ukrainian Refugee Family Coming to Halifax Co.** - Through the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security and other organizations, St. John's Episcopal Church in Halifax has been approved to bring a Ukrainian family to Halifax County. They need around \$15,000 to support the family for about six months, at which time they expect the family to be fully self-supporting. If you feel led to contribute to this project, you can write a check to St. John's Welcome Circle Fund and mail it to St. John's Welcome Circle, P.O. Box 905, Halifax, VA 24558. The family will also need a good used car. If you have one to give, contact David Martin at [davidellismartin@gmail.com](mailto:davidellismartin@gmail.com). For more information, the article that was published in the News & Record is posted on the bulletin board in the main lobby, or see your March newsletter.

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Mission Statement  
**"Growing God's Presence"**  
**Foundational Principles**  
*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~  
 Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*  
**Values**  
*Committed~Servant Heart~  
 Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

No nursery or Children's Church will be provided at this time.  
 5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.  
 Worship every Sunday 11:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am every Sunday  
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**Calendar**

Sunday, March 5      10:00 am – Sunday School  
                                  11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, March 7      10:30 am – Greeting Card Ministry

Wednesday, March 8      10:30 am – Women's Bible Study  
                                  12 noon – Lenten Luncheon  
                                  12:30 – Lenten Devotional  
                                  6:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, March 9      8 pm - AA

Friday, March 10      Office Closed  
                                  12 noon – AA

**Church Staff**

Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager  
 Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician  
 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer  
 Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton

**Session**

Rev. Glenn Coleman – Moderator  
 Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

**Class of 2023**

Kim Albert  
 Rick Harrell

**Class of 2024**

Don Cherry  
 Joni Owens  
 Colter Wickemeyer

**Class of 2025**

Robert Guthrie  
 Mike Rand

**Diaconate**

Frances Harrell and Sterling Roberts – Co-Chair

**Class of 2023**

Paul Edmunds  
 Pat Hay  
 Kit Hooper

**Class of 2024**

Frances Harrell  
 Larry McPeters  
 Maelyn Fraser Freshour

**Class of 2025**

Sterling Byrd-Roberts  
 Kelly Chappell  
 Robin Hall

**Trustees**

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 (2023)

Mark Foster  
 (2024)

Eric Roberts  
 (2025)

**The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees**

Teresa McCollum  
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**Our Missionaries**

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