

11:00 am Worship

March 1, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387)

“The Lord is in His Holy Temple”

Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader:

Prelude: (arr. Tedd Smith)

“Love Devine, All Loves Excelling”

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

² **My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot slip—

he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ **indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The LORD watches over you—

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—

he will watch over your life;

⁸ **the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

*Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” Hymn# 136

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, I have sinned against You. Through Jesus I have been freed from sin, yet I return to my sins time and time again. Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 62:7-8

⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. ⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

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

*The Gloria Patri

Walks with Jesus

First Scripture:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Hymnal # 734

Rev. John McCarthy

Pew Bible #11

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:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymn # 405

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #255)

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Pew Bible #1093

Sermon:

“Jesus = Grace”

Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn:

“As We Gather at Your Table” (v. 1-2)

Hymn #695

Lord's Supper

Hymn:

“As We Gather at Your Table” (v. 3)

Hymn #695

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

Prayers continue: Ann Cabell Zimmermann

- 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 a card sent to someone we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send a card the following week.

Ushers – Serving today Colter Wickemeyer at the North Door. Kim Wickemeyer at the South Door. Acolyte today is Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week's Announcements

Good Samaritan – March collection: Canned meats/Peanut Butter, and cereals.

Card Ministry – Tuesday, March 3 at 10:30am

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, March 4 at 10:30 am

Diaconate – Meet next Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 am.

Session – Next meeting – Sunday, March 15 after worship.

Operation Christmas Child – In March we are asking for monetary donations in increments of \$10 to help cover the cost of shipping the shoeboxes. Our goal is to pack and ship 60 boxes = \$600. Please mark donations accordingly so they are accurately recorded.

Lenten Luncheon –Lenten Lunches continue this Wednesday, March 4 at 12 noon. Bring a bagged lunch and enjoy the fellowship of others as you enjoy lunch. Beverages and desserts will be available. At 12:30 we will be honored to hear Rev. Bill Greer – Main St. Methodist deliver his devotional as we prepare for Easter.

The schedule of upcoming pastors providing a devotional:

March 11 – Rev. John Campbell – Dan River Baptist

March 18 – Chaplain Laurie Fox – Bereavement Coordinator a
At 1st Care Hospice

March 25 – Rev. Jennifer Greer – Glenwood UMC/Olive
Branch UMC

April 1 – Rev. John McCarthy – First Presbyterian

Mission Opportunity – Help Main Street Methodist in their Mission work trip. They are planning to go to Spruce Pine, NC after worship Sunday, July 26 through Saturday, August 1. If you are interested, come by the office and get an application.

Save the date! – Friday, March 20th – Concert event with Brent Vernon. His programs are designed for the whole family and blend energetic, heartfelt music and storytelling. The concert also includes a visit from Sam, his ventriloquist puppet—a hit with kids of all ages! I am also a children's author and illustrator, so I spend a great deal of time with younger audiences, but his concerts are intentionally crafted to connect with everyone—from kids to seniors.

Calendar

Sunday, March 1 9:45 am - Sunday School
 10:30 am - Fellowship
 11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, March 3 10:30 am – Card Ministry

Wednesday, March 4 10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study
 12:00 noon - Lenten Luncheon
 12:30 pm – Lenten Devotional
 6:00 pm - Choir
 6:00 pm – NA

Friday, March 6 Office Closed
 12 noon – AA

Church Staff

Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
 Jim Luedtke, Church Musician
 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

Session

Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator
 Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Bob Hughes
 Les Powell

Class of 2027

Don Cherry
 Joni Owens
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Class of 2028

Mike Freshour
 Eric Roberts

Diaconate

Sterling Roberts – Chair

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Sandi Hughes
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 Joanna Hughes

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 Melissa Fraser
 Terri Smith

Class of 2028

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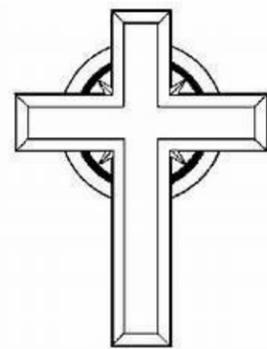
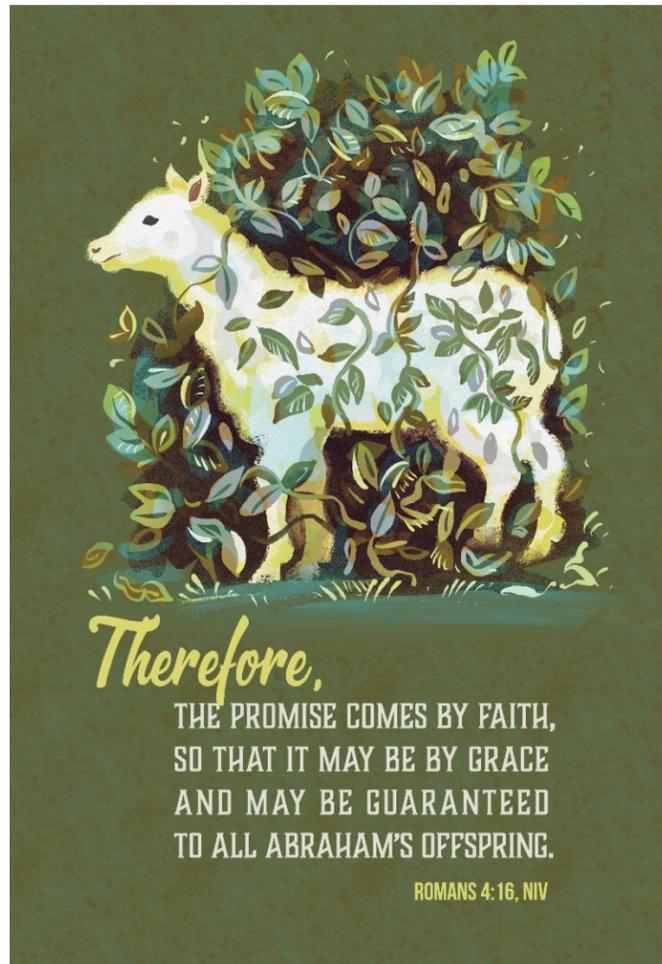
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Our Missionaries

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
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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 will be provided at this time.
 Children's Church (Jesus Squad) meets during Sunday School time
 5 cents-a-meal Offering collected the third Sunday of each month.
 Worship every Sunday at 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
 Fellowship at 10:15 am. **Internet: 1stPres: Romans3:24**

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