

11:00 am Worship

March 22, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Les Powell
Prelude: (Hymn #94 by Darlene Zschecht) "Shout to the Lord"

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD!

*Hymn: "Majesty" Hymn# 43

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we surrender all to You. You know our fears and doubts. You know our struggles and missteps. Gracious Father, as we humbly fall on our faces before You and confess our sins, please wrap Your children in your loving arms and remind us of the forgiveness and reconciliation in our savior Jesus. Please lift us and empower us through the Holy Spirit, so we may walk the paths You put before us. I surrender all. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:10

¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

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

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Les Powell
First Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pew Bible #840

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: "I Come to the Cross" Hymn # 251

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Pepper Choplin) "Once Upon a Tree" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:5-11 Pew Bible #1096

Sermon: "Flesh vs Spirit" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "Awesome God" (x2) Hymn #658

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers

Prayers continue: Dabney Gilliam

- 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.

Flowers – are given to the glory of God, with gratitude for His many blessings and the season of Lent with opportunities to change and grow to be more like Him.

Ushers – Serving today Paige Powell at the North Door. Sue Wilkins at the South Door. Acolyte today Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week's Announcements

Meet and Greet – Please plan to stay after worship to meet and greet members of Christ Church of Southern Virginia, the church plant that has inquired about using our facilities.

Card Ministry at Commonwealth – Meeting this Tuesday, March 24 at 2pm. Come out and help the residents make beautiful cards.

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, March 25 at 10:30 am

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 25 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. Jennifer Greer – Glenwood UMC/Olive Branch UMC, deliver her devotional as we prepare for Easter. The final devotional will be provided by our own:

Rev. John McCarthy – First Presbyterian on April 1.

Palm Sunday – March 29th. Meet for the annual processional at Halifax Internal Medicine Building by 10:00 am for the prayer and Welcome. Processional will begin at 10:10 am. The Deacons will provide donuts and juice afterward for all.

- Workday at Kim/Jim Albert's home after worship – contact Joni Owens for details and to volunteer.

Easter Sunday, April 5 -

* **Sunrise Service** –at 7:00 am in the Prayer Garden at Main Street Methodist church.

* **Communion Sunday**

* **Flowering of the Cross** – After worship all are welcome to go out to the cross to help flower the cross. Please plan to bring flowers, or donations are being accepted, to help provide flowers to beautify the cross.

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

Calendar

Sunday, March 22 9:45 am - Sunday School
 10:30 am - Fellowship
 11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, March 24 2:00 pm – Card Ministry at
 Commonwealth

Wednesday, March 25 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 20 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

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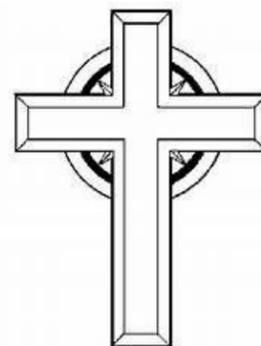
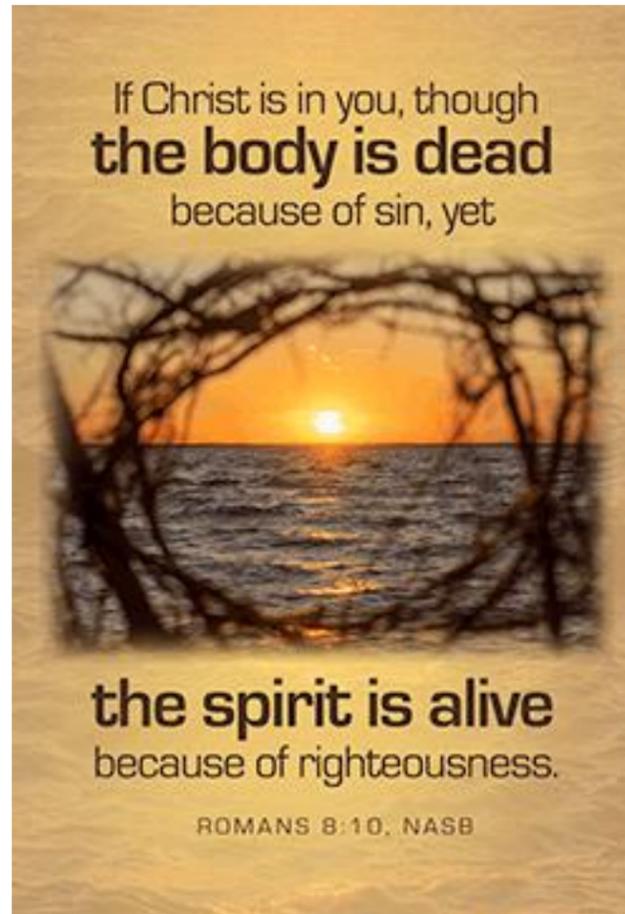
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Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
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Mission Statement

"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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