

11:00 am Worship

March 8, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Bob Hughes
Prelude:

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 95

¹Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

³For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

⁷for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

*Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" Hymn# 51

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession: Ps. 51:1-4, 12, 17

¹"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge... ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me... ¹⁷My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise". In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: John 3:16-17

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy
First Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7 Pew Bible #71

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: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" Hymn # 263
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer
Anthem: (Hymn #256) "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: John 4:5-42 Pew Bible #1030

Sermon: "Living Water" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "Revive Us Again" Hymn #463

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Students in Zambia

Prayers continue: Kim/Jim Albert

- 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 – Given to recognize and celebrate the birthday of my son, Griffeth Kaiser, by Sallie Adams.

Ushers – Serving today Joanna Hughes at the North Door. Sterling Byrd-Roberts at the South Door. Acolyte today is Liam McCarthy. Audio is Don Cherry.

This Week's Announcements

Diaconate – Today at 9:00 am.

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

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, March 11 at 10:30 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 11 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. John Campbell – Dan River Baptist deliver his devotional as we prepare for Easter.

The schedule of upcoming pastors providing a devotional:

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

Concert event for the family – Friday, March 20th –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. *Take a flyer – invite friends and family.*

A Look ahead -

- **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.
- **Sunrise Service** – Easter Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 am in the Prayer Garden at Main Street Methodist church.

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South Boston, Virginia**



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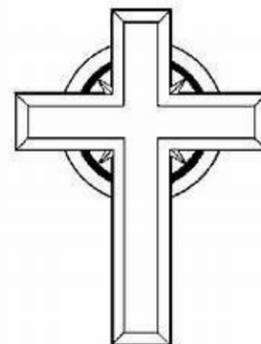
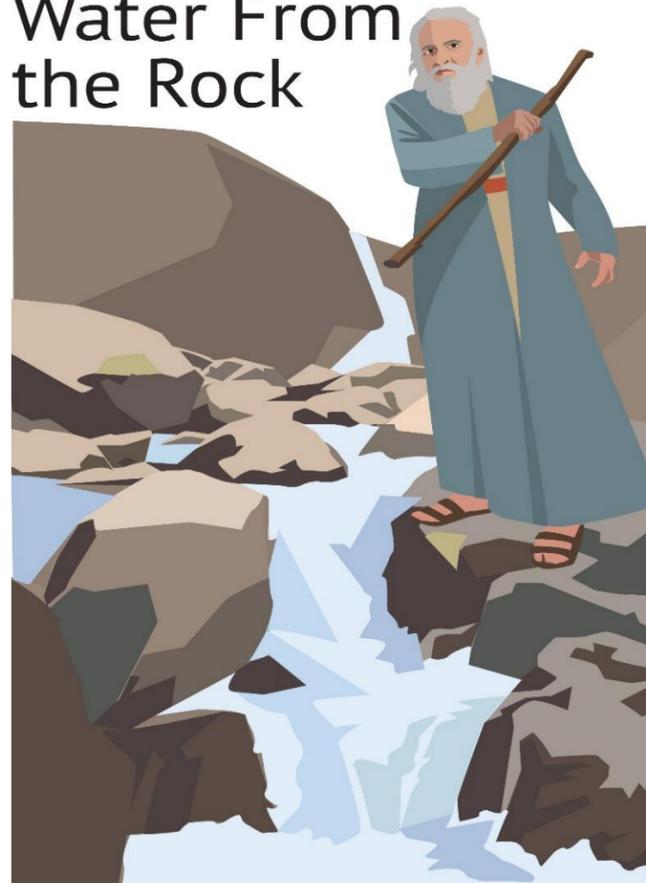
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Foundational Principles
*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*
Values
*Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

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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Water From
the Rock**



Our Missionaries

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

Calendar

Sunday, March 8
9:45 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Fellowship
11:00 am - Worship

Wednesday, March 11
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 13
Office Closed
12 noon - AA

Church Staff

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

Session

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