

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 9:15 a.m. • Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023



Director of Christian Education
Director of Music/Organist
Clerk of Session
Church Office Administrator

Rev. (Dr.) Randall McGee
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Marilyn Jackson
Ms. Darlene Wright

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Silent Meditation and Prayer

Your goodness goes before us, Holy Redeemer. Your touch turns deserts into streams of living waters. Sustain us and shelter us in your loving arms. Amen.

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Prelude "Amazing Grace" Gary O'Neal, Organist
(arr. John Ness Beck)

Welcome and *Greeting One Another Liturgist

* **Call to Worship** (Responsive) Liturgist

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time and for evermore.**

* **Hymn** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No.451

* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

* **Gloria Patri** No. 581

Call to Confession Guest Preacher

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Guest Preacher and Congregation

Eternal God, we are ashamed. We confess that we have tried to hide from our sin. We have injured our families and ourselves. We have given in to uncaring anger and degraded our neighbors. We have gone along with personal prejudice and corporate wrong, and have let low desires rule us at times. In good times and sometimes even in the bad we have forgotten you. Lord, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

* Invitation to stand

Kyrie Eleison

“Lord, Have Mercy”

No. 551

Assurance of God’s Forgiving Grace

Guest Preacher and Congregation

It is by grace you are being forgiven through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-4 (p. 1 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

Response: This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: John 3:1-17 (p. 887 Pew Bible)

Guest Preacher

Response: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“God is……”

Rev. David Fletcher

Anthem

“Leaning on the Rock of Ages”
(arr. Don Hart)

Sanctuary Choir

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

Guest Preacher and Congregation

–Adapted from Iona

I believe in the living God, the parent of all humankind, who creates and sustains the universe in power and love. I believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate on earth, who showed us by his words and work, suffering with others, conquest of death, what human life ought to be and what God is like. I believe that the Spirit of God is with us, now and always, and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the word, the sacraments, the community of the church and all that we do. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Guest Preacher and Congregation
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Doxology No. 606

A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

If you have not already done so, please drop your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.

* **Prayer of Dedication** Guest Preacher

* **Hymn** "Hear the Good News of Salvation" No.441

* **Charge and Benediction** Guest Preacher

* **Postlude** Gary O'Neal, Organist

Assisting in worship today is Susie Miller, Liturgist.
 The ushers are Dorothy Moore and Charlene Taylor.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12th



Today	12:00	
Monday	6:00	Yoga
Tuesday	6:00	Admin/Personnel Com. Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Christian Education Com. Mtg.
	7:00	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday	6:00	Choir Rehearsal
		Zoom Yoga

SESSION MEMBERS
Marilyn Jackson - Clerk

Class of 2023
 Bruce Huckaba
 Dee Huckaba
 Marilyn Jackson

Class of 2024
 Kathleen Hale
 Christi Malouf
 Susie Miller

Class of 2025
 Bill Grayson
 Daniel Robinson
 Leigh Taylor