

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

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

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Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 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

Gracious God, we are brave to come near this morning, to the throne of Your marvelous grace. Hear now our prayers and songs and magnify them by Your Spirit. Let all we do bring glory to the great Immanuel, God with us this day. Grant us the confidence to come to Jesus in the light of this new day. Amen.

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

Prelude "What Wondrous Love Is This" Gary O'Neal, Organist
(arr. by Sarah Douglas)

Welcome and *Greeting One Another Liturgist

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

God's love is written on our heart;

Implanted in our souls.

God's truth,

Echoes in our words and lingers in our minds.

God's forgiveness,

Reaches the deepest in and releases the clearest song.

Now in this place and everywhere we travel let us worship God.

Amen.

* **Hymn** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 645

* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

* **Gloria Patri** No. 581

Call to Confession Guest Preacher

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Guest Preacher and Congregation

O tender God, who yearns for us like a parent waiting for a child to come home, we know how often we must disappoint You. We fill our days with tasks and worries. We clutter our weeks with the insignificant and the trivial. Even if scheduled, quality time with You often goes unkept.

O tender God, our sins glare at us. We bruise each other, never stopping long enough to let another really touch us. We carry our secret burdens, fearing to share them even with you.

O tender God, let this Lent be a journey to clearness and direction. Lift worry and hurry from our schedule, and send in your light as we follow the way of Jesus. Amen.
(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

* Invitation to stand

Assurance of God’s Forgiving Grace

Guest Preacher and Congregation

(Responsive)

The love of God is broad like an ocean. Forgiveness flows like a river to the depths of our being. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 (p. 8 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

Psalm 121 (p. 516 Pew Bible)

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

“What Happens in the Dark”

Rev. Beverly Hughes

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

Guest Preacher and Congregation

– Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

*** 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**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

No. 839

*** Charge and Benediction**

Guest Preacher

*** Postlude**

Gary O’Neal, Organist

Assisting in worship today is Leigh Taylor, Liturgist.
The ushers are Dee Huckaba and Bill Oney.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5th



Today	12:00	Yoga
	12:00	Mission/Membership Com. Mtg.
Monday	6:00	Worship/Music Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Fellowship Com. Mtg.
	6:00	Steward/Finance Com. Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:00	Zoom Yoga
Saturday	8:00 a.m,	Property Com. Mtg.
	9:00 a.m.	Mini Workday

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

