Welcome to



21 February 21

First Sunday in Lent

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection Announcements and Prayer Concerns– Sharing our life together Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord* P: In the name of the Father, and of the **\(\mathbb{H}\)** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10:00am Wednesday – 6:30pm – Women's Group –15 Kirkley Circle 7:00pm – Men's Group – 314 Powtan Dr.

To honor social distancing we are not passing the offering plates. During the Offertory, you are invited to bring your offerings either to the plate at the Altar or the one on the rear table in the Sanctuary. Also, we are using the small cups for Communion so please make sure you pick one up from the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

A white rose is on the Altar this morning praising God for the birth of Elijah Kai Braxton on 15 February 2021. Elijah is the great grandson of Yvette Clark.

There will be a meeting today at 4:00pm of all those who have ideas, thoughts or suggestions on ways in which the Well Church can continue to reach out to each other in fellowship, and, others who may in need of a church home. You can either gather at the Griffin's house (160 Kirkley Place) or call in virtually. We hope many of you will participate. For more information or any questions see Web or Pastor Tom.

If you would like to participate in our Worship Service through reading the Scripture, please contact Jen Reynolds, and, if you would like to receive the upcoming Lections emailed each Monday.

For more information regarding benefiting the Well Church through Amazon Smiles and/or shopping at Kroger, please see Gail Everett.

Lector this week – Judy Kinzer

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Tom Bryant, Pastor

Mona Thomas, Choir Director and Accompanist

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Call to Worship – Psalm 25.1-10

Hymn – "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

First Lesson – Genesis 22.1-18

Call to Prayer Hymn – "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – James 1.12-18

Offertory - Andante con Moto

Andy Behnke

(Please place your offering in one of the plates)

*Doxology - #95

*Gospel - : Mark 1.9-15

Our response is, "Praise be to thee, O Christ"

Sermon - "Living as Christ Lived"

*Apostles' Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Unending Hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ Individually

Hymn – "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Benediction (on Music Sheet)

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Juniper Noyes, June Sommers, John Wright, Liz Griffin, Harry Burns, Larry Shepley, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Dawn Tropp, Eddie Jones, Yvette Clark, Kristy Duke, Dot Flanik, David Lindsay, Bob Carson, Darby Atkins and persecuted Christians around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

Joe and Elaine Small, friends of Sherry, both with COVID

Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha

David Baker, heart surgery, cousin of Judy Kinzer

Olivia Rowsey, Maggie's friend, 16 yo with Leukemia

Jim Merrill, Carolyn's grandchildren's step father

Lynn Ruppe, Gail's sister, back issues

Carol Doyle and Patti Payne, friends of Sherry

Kenny Milnor, friend of Tom Langford's, with COVID

Kenneth Lowry, in nursing home (Agnes' brother)

Bea Gardner, recovering from knee surgery

Paul Dietz, Ann Behnke's father

Jean McCormick recovering from hip surgery

Sherry Bryant, shoulder issues

Pat Karnes, friend of Carol Bryant

Andrea McDaniel, Carey's Aunt, Darby's sister-in-law, cancer

Nancy Turner, friend of Martha Mahanes

Camden Clark, Yvette's grandson,

Joan Smith, cancer, and her family, family of Mary Gough

Christie Smith, family of Bea Gardner, recovering from surgery

Glenn Pritchett, cancer treatment, friends of Pr. Tom and Sherry

Shane Miller, Patty's son, Gwen's dad,

Colin Griffin, Web and Carey's nephew

Remington Richmond, Pat Wheeler's great nephew

Lonnie Lee Godfrey

Dr. Jim and Sue Henry, Mona's parents

Melody Henry, Mona's sister a nurse and all health care givers

Maria Coates, Sue Rossiter's sister

Kenneth Dickerson, husband of a friend of Jen's, has lung cancer

Frankie Townsend, Web's sister-in-law, Web's best friends' mom,

Cassidy Richardson, 14-year-old daughter of a friend of Carey's,

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes

Kim Blaum & Erik Blaum, PTSD, Dot Flanik's children

Sharon Powell, cancer, and Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys