

10:00 AM

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.*

1 Peter 3:18

PRELUDE

Susan Randall

CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison Psalm 95)  
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMNS

“By Faith”  
“Living Hope”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and forgive us that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. (Silent Confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.  
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Anchored”

By: Susan Randall

\*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Doxology”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-6

ANTHEM

“10,000 Reasons”

By: Susan Randall

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 11:29-12:5

SERMON

“Stepping Out in Faith”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art”

POSTLUDE

Susan Randall

\*Those who are able please stand.



Ushers: Elders  
Welcome Desk: Nancy McCombs  
Liturgist: Charlotte Smedley

Greeters: Lori McCann  
Fellowship Hour: Autumn Moore  
Childcare: Sarah Tarr

<i><b><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></b></i>		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
	<b>5:30-7 PM</b>	<b>Faith &amp; Fellowship</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>

**AV and Sound Help Needed-** We're looking for a few volunteers that would like to help with our media needs on Sunday morning. We will schedule our volunteers for once a month and Pastor Steve will offer a training seminar for anyone who might be interested. Please sign up in the library.

**Pray For Our Children-** During Lent we challenge you to take a magnet with a child’s name on it from the board in the Library as a reminder to pray for the children of our church.

**Alice Gilliland Fund** – If you are planning on sending your children to camp this summer, the Church has scholarships available. Scholarship forms are available in the Library, please see the office for more information.

**Easter Eggs-** If you are willing to help fill eggs for our Palm Sunday Easter egg hunt please take a bag from the Library and bring them back filled by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!

**Faith & Fellowship Nights-** Begin this Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and continue Wednesdays through Lent with dinner served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM. **We are looking for contestants for our March 13<sup>th</sup> Chili Cookoff Night!** Please sign up in the Library.

**Conno Meals on Wheels-** Is in need of volunteers to assist in the delivery of meals to our residents in the Meridian and Conno areas. They would need transportation and be available from about 11 AM-1 PM on the determined day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen at 724-256-8158 or 724-789-7868.

**Mission Trip Fundraiser-** This year’s youth group mission trip will be to Cleveland, OH to help serve those in need. The envelope fundraiser will start this week and 100% of your donations will go towards funding their trip. Thank you for your support!

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