

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23rd, 2025

10:00 AM

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

P: Make known his deeds among the peoples!

L: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

P: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

L: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

P: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

All: Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

No. 87

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you search us and know us from beginning to end. Nothing is hidden from you. Lord, we confess that we are selfish with our time, our affections and our resources, offering you and others little while we have received much. We confess that we are blind to sins, but aware of the sins of others, neglecting to ask for your forgiveness. We confess that we are more vigilant to maintain our outer image than to nurture our soul. Forgive us, God, when we sin, and make us new in Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Gloria Patri”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Doxology”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 3:10-14

ANTHEM

“In Christ Alone”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-8

SERMON

“Running for Your Life”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers:

Welcome Desk: Jesse & Journee Titus

Liturgist: Bonnie Fiel

Greeters: Autumn Moore

Fellowship Hour: Autumn Moore

Childcare: Rebecca Titus

| <u><i>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</i></u> | | |
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| Sunday: | 10 AM | Worship |
| | 11 AM | Sunday School |
| | 11 AM | Discovery Lunch |
| Monday: | 6:30 PM | Men's Bible Study |
| Tuesday: | 1 PM | Quilting |
| Wednesday: | 9 AM | Coffee & Conversation |
| | 5:30-7 PM | Faith & Fellowship |
| | 7 PM | Choir |
| Saturday: | 10 AM | Grief Fellowship Hour |

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS- Wednesdays during lent with dinner served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM. **We are looking for participants for our April 2nd Chili Cookoff Night! Please signup in the fellowship room.**

BLOOD DRIVE- We will host our next blood drive on Friday, April 11th from 12-5 PM at Meridian Firehall. You can signup at redcrossblood.org if you are able to donate.

COMMUNITY MISSION OPPORTUNITY- We are seeking volunteers to help with a **Spring Lawn Clean-Up** on Saturday, April 5th (Rain Date- April 12th) for those in our community and congregation who are in need of assistance. Sign up in the Fellowship Room.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST- Join us Friday, April 18th at 7 AM for breakfast, followed by our guest speaker Melody Hooks. The topic of her program will be "The Hope of Good Friday." Afterwards you will be invited to participate in the stations of the cross.

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S EVENT- Join us on Sunday, April 13th during Sunday School hour, we will have an Easter lesson followed by a "Little Jesus Scavenger Hunt" a creative twist on our traditional Easter Egg Hunt.

EASTER SUNDAY- We will have two services on Easter Sunday, April 20th at 9 & 11 AM.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER- This year's youth group mission trip will be to Asheville, NC to aid in disaster relief caused by hurricane Helene. The envelope fundraiser will start this week and 100% of your donations will go towards funding their trip. Thank you for your support!

DISCOVERY LUNCH- Today following worship 11 AM - 1 PM.

FISHBONE DINNER- We are looking for volunteers to donate food and to help serve at our next Fishbone Dinner on Sunday, March 30th. There is a signup sheet in the fellowship room.

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