

10:00 AM

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

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Romans 10:8-9

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord:

**P: My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

L: For God will protect us from evil and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

**P: God rescues those who love God and is present with us in trouble.**

L: God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

**P: Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMNS

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 450

“From Everlasting”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can’t imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. 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

\*OFFERING RESPONSE: “Doxology”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

ANTHEM

“In Your Silence”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

“The Tempter”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING


\*HYMN

“Cornerstone”

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.



Ushers: Trustees

Welcome Desk: Sue Mossgrrove

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Greeters: Barton Family

Fellowship Hour: Jenn McKain & Tabitha Watterson

Childcare: Sarah Murtha

<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>11 AM</b>	<b>Hospital Care Team Meeting</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Session Meeting</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>7 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Grief Fellowship Hour</b>

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-** With hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate the incredible generosity and faithfulness of our congregation in completing our capital campaign. To everyone who donated their time and resources to the project we say thank you. Your gifts have made a lasting impact on our church for the next generation.

**FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS-** Wednesdays beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> with dinner served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM. **We need volunteers to help with the dinners. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Room.**

**MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER-** This year’s youth group mission trip will be to Ashville, 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!

**LENT DEVOTIONAL CALENDERS-** Available for pickup in the Fellowship Room.

**DISCOVERY LUNCH-** Want to learn more about our church or interested in joining, come to lunch on March 23<sup>rd</sup> following worship 11 AM - 1 PM to learn more about us. Sign up today.

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

**CONNO MEALS ON WHEELS-** Please have your dessert wrapped, labeled, & freezer ready and dropped off in the hallway outside of the Library on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY-** Ernie Oesterling will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 20<sup>th</sup>! If you would like to send him a birthday card his address is 100 New Haven Lane Room Q205 Butler, PA 16001.

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