

Early Service

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 70)

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P: May those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!"

L: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.

P: You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** "Lift High the Cross" No. 450 & "Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

(Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** "Gloria Patri"

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 16:23-26

ANTHEM "I'll Carry the Cross of Christ" By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Ecclesiastes 2:17-26

SERMON "The Meaningless Pursuit of Self" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** "Take My Life" No. 597

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Late Service

***WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

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***HYMNS** "Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me"
"From Everlasting"

OFFERTORY "Cornerstone"

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Thank you to this morning's volunteers!

Greeters: BJ McKean & Carolyn Street
Welcome Desk: Pat Lazare & Heather Zeigler

Fellowship Hour: Shelley Patrick
Liturgist: Tim Rausch

<i>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</i>		
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Early Service
	10 AM	Sunday School
	11 AM	Late Service
	Adult Mission Trip Feb 22nd-27th	
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

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS- Today we celebrate those whom the Lord has called to serve our congregation in the coming years. To the office of elder we ordain and install Tim McNulty. To the office of deacon, we ordain and install Cherie McNulty, Tim Rausch, and Caryolyn Street.

ADULT MISSION TRIP- Please keep Pastor Mike and all those serving on the mission trip to Yancey, NC, Feb 22nd-27th in your prayers. May God bless their time, strengthen their efforts, and use them to bring hope to those in need.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS- Will start every Wednesday during lent beginning February 25th 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 and the children's program. Sign up sheets are located in the fellowship room.

NURSERY DIRECTOR- We would like to welcome Jordan Longdon to the staff as our new nursery director. Jordan has extensive experience with children as a daycare worker, gymnastics coach, and is currently working on an associates degree in early childhood education. She is certified in child CPR and first aid.

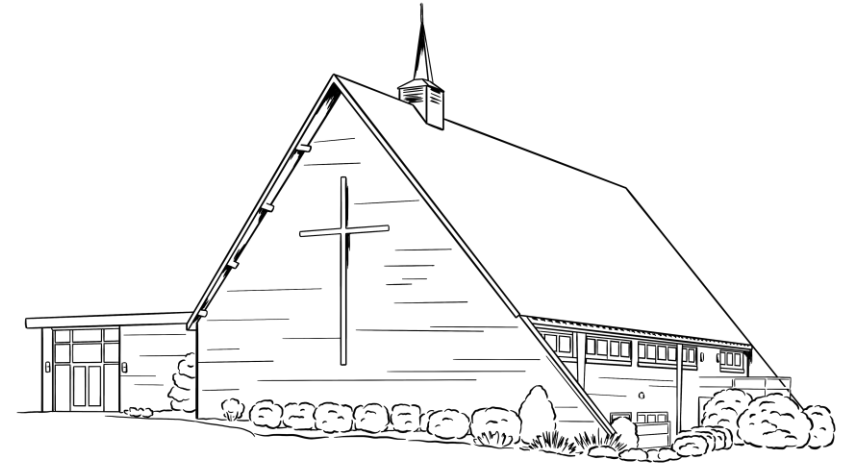
ALICE GILLILAND FUND- If you are planning on sending your children to camp this summer, the Church has scholarship available to help with the cost. Scholarship forms are available in the fellowship room.

THANK YOU- Thank you to Lori, Cindy, Jeanne, Terry, & Peg for cleaning and organizing the kitchen!

PLASTIC BAGS- We will no longer be collecting plastic bags because there is not a current need for them. Thank you for your participation in this program.

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