

Calendar

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

4th Sunday in Lent

10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM—Faith Formation
11:15AM—Lunch Bunch at J.R. Cash
4:00PM—Confirmation
5:15PM—FLY
5:30PM—Congregational Nominating
Committee Meeting (E102)

MONDAY, MARCH 31

9:00AM—3:00PM— Woodshop Office Hours
6:00PM — Gills Creek Watershed
Association Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

7:30AM—Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
10:30AM—H3 Hunter (E205)
4:00PM—Education Ministry (E205)
5:30PM—Service & Benevolence Ministry
(E205)
5:30PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

9:00AM— 3:00PM— Woodshop Office Hours
4:00PM—Book Club (E102)
6:00PM—B365 Skidmore/Beckham (E205)
6:15 PM—Handbell Choir (Choir Room)
6:30PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00AM—H3 Collins (S211)
12:00PM—B365 Black/Roberts
5:30PM—Property Ministry (E205)
6:00 PM—Mepkin ZCC (Library)

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

5th Sunday in Lent

10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM—Faith Formation
11:00AM—PW Coordinating Team (E102)\
4:00PM—Confirmation
5:00PM—Movie Night

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Worship Notes

***PLEASE BE AWARE** we live stream our worship
and our services are video-recorded.

***LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BIBLES ARE
AVAILABLE.** Please ask an usher if you would
like to use one during our service.

***CHILDCARE** is provided for all infants and
children 6 yrs and younger.

***HEARING SYSTEM** available for those who are
hearing impaired. Please ask an usher.

****PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR
CELL PHONE****

Office Hours are Monday– Thursday 8:30–4:30

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MARCH 30, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Bill Wannamaker

PRELUDE

Excerpt from “Canzona in D Minor”
J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 85 (CEB)

When God comes faithful love and truth will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.
**When God comes, truth will spring up from the ground and righteousness
will look down from heaven. Come, O Lord, and live among us!**

***HYMN NO. 216**

“Beneath The Cross of Jesus”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Book of Common Worship—p. 236

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we
have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for
we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have
failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through
Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Amen.**

*The church year is
divided into liturgical
seasons. For each
season, a particular color
is evident in our
paraments and banners.
This is currently the
Season of Lent and the
purple color of the
paraments mirrors the
purple color of the
Advent Season, as both
Advent and Lent are
seasons of preparation.
During Lent we prepare
our hearts for the
betrayal, crucifixion and
resurrection of Christ.*

*When this symbol *
precedes an element of
the service, please rise
in body or spirit.*

*A prayer of confession
invites us to reflect on
God’s purpose for our
lives. When we do this,
we realize how we have
missed the mark. This
confession of our
failures is not to make us
feel bad, but to speak the
truth about ourselves.
The truth is that we sin.
But the greater truth is
that when we confess
our sin, God’s nature is
to forgive so that we are
free to try again.*

An assurance of pardon is one way of claiming God's promised forgiveness and grace. We believe that when we repent of our sin and ask God to forgive us that God does in fact forgive us. We don't need a preacher or priest to ask on our behalf. God deals with us directly as believers who seek to love and to follow.

In 1998, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved three new catechisms for instruction and for worship: a children's version, a confirmation version and a catechism for use by adults. Today's questions come from Belonging to God: A First Catechism, intended for use with children who are third grade or older.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. (Luke 11:1-4)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Not because of who we are, but because of who God is, and not because of what we have done, but because of what God has done in Christ, our Sin is forgiven!

Not because we are able, but because God has sent the power of the Holy Spirit upon us, we are able to live as Disciples of Christ; free, forgiven and renewed! Thanks be to God!

*HYMN NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS— Amy Lillis, Dennis and Elizabeth Loftin, Jim and Sandra Manning, Amy and Eddie Smith, & Anne Walker.

“Blest be the Tie that Binds”

*“Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.”*

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Who are you? **I am a Child of God**

What does it mean to be a Child of God? **That I belong to God, who loves me.**

(Children through 1st Grade depart to Room #E-107)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

John 8:31-43

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Core Behavior: Truth Seeking”

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Wannamaker

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Who Am I”

Mark Hall

Ryan Poole, Tenor

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*THE DEDICATION

May these gifts, given in gratitude and love,
Change us and the world to serve your purpose!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967 – Part 1: 9.13 – 9.15

Wise and virtuous men and women through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility.

All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God's forgiveness. Thus everyone falls under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than those who assume that they are guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

God's love never changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God expresses love in wrath. In the same love, God bore judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all people to repentance and new life.

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*HYMN NO. 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG - The Lord's Prayer

“For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

*POSTLUDE

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J.S. Bach

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The Confession of 1967 addresses the church's role in the modern world. It calls the church to obedient action, particularly in response to social problems such as racial discrimination, nationalistic arrogance, and family and class conflict. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church's mission today and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Some worshipers find sitting and listening to the musical postlude helps them conclude their worship. Others find joy in greeting others. Choose the response that helps you worship God. And if a fellow worshiper is seated, please allow them time and space to listen and pray.