

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent. Liturgical color is purple.

March Opener: Sandie Harris March Closer: Sid Fields

Greeters Today: 1st Worship – Sandie & Zoe 2nd Worship – Shirley Hackett & Jane Chamelin

Greeters Next Sunday: 1st Worship – Wayne & Phyllis Alley 2nd Worship – Michael & Debbie Brady

March Ushers: David Fields, Todd Garrett, Glenn Getner, Bud Lauder, Barry Norris

Audio/Visual Tech: Gene Flinchum, Terry Franklin, Wayne Moser, Denny Spencer, Justin Windsor

Attendance Ash Wednesday Service (2/26/2020): 65

Attendance March 1, 2020:

Sunday School	84
1 st Worship	60
2 nd Worship	103
Total Attendance	163

Your Gifts	
Amount Collected to Date	\$59,600.37
Worship Service	\$7,597.19
MMRF	\$100.00
Lumpees/Camp Meeting (to date)	\$1,174.00

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Rev. Debra Short

Robin Bunton

Reba Lamb

Pingyi (Lesley) Song

Vickie Flinchum

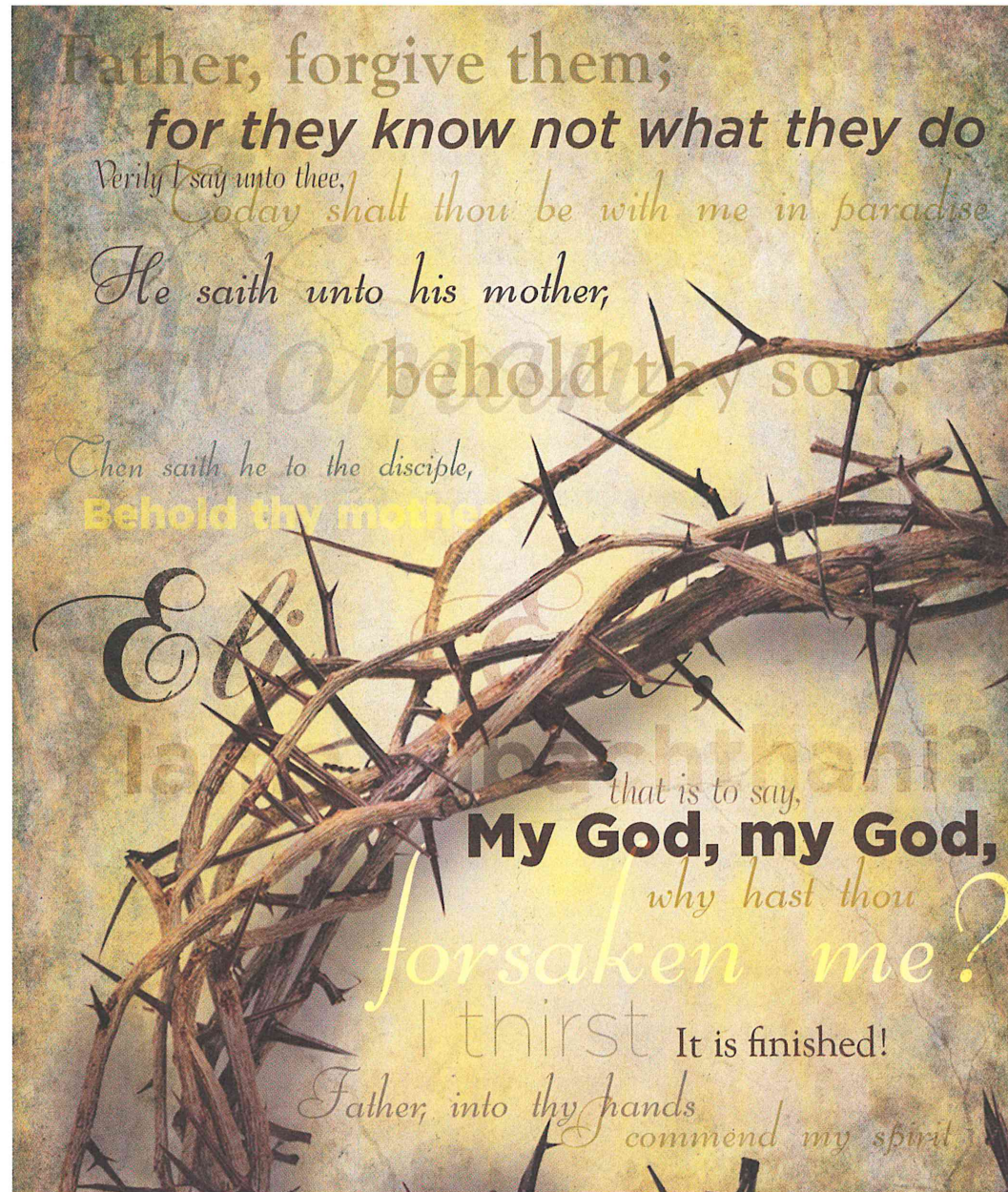
Jane Reddick

Laura Cranfill

Debbie Brady

Tonia Lee-White

Ovido Sorbito



Welcome all who worship here! We pray you experience God's Holy Spirit in a new way as we worship together. Visitors, please be sure to fill out the visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

ENTERING INTO FELLOWSHIP

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude *O, How He Loves You and Me*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship *First Song of Isaiah* On Screen

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (Verses 1, 3) No. 140

SHARING OURSELVES WITH GOD

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Lenten Reading and Extinguishing of Candles Jim & Karen Holt and Corinna Wyatt

Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/The LORD'S Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD CHANGING OUR LIVES

Scripture Matthew 27:45-47

Sermon "Why Have You Forsaken Me?" Rev. Debra Short

Anthem *Bow the Knee* Women's Chorus

OUR THANKSGIVING AND RESPONSE

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *In the Garden*

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95

GOING FORTH FOR GOD

*Closing Hymn *Be Still, My Soul* (Verses 1, 3) No. 534

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Lamb of God* (Refrain Only) On Screen

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THERE WILL BE A RETIREMENT RECEPTION for Jackie Smith **TODAY** in the FH immediately following second worship. Cake and refreshments will be served. All are invited as we thank Jackie for twenty-nine years as Bethlehem's Child Care Director.

PASTOR-LED LENTEN Bible Study begins THIS TUESDAY – 10-11:30AM and 6:30-8PM. Meets in Young-at-Heart Classroom.

FRIENDLY CLUB will meet **Tuesday, March 10 at 10:30.** Please join us and bring others to hear our speaker, Susan Foster. Susan is a cancer survivor, and will tell about that experience. As usual, bring a covered dish and stay for lunch and fellowship.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE will not meet this Tuesday.

FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR - We are recruiting singers to sing the piece "Hallelujah" from Handel's *Messiah* for Easter Sunday Service. We are also recruiting Bell Choir Participants for Easter Sunday Service. Both practices will start on March 25th – 6PM for Bells, 7PM for Choir. We will have **three total special practices** for Easter Sunday - March 25, April 1, and April 8. Questions – contact Lesley.

HELPING YOUR CONGREGATION PREPARE FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE (for Clergy & Laity) –There are copies of FAQs regarding the *Protocol* outside the church office. In addition, the District is hosting a forum on Sun., 3/29 from 4-5:30PM @ Christ UMC G-boro (church sanctuary.) Rev. Amy Coles, Assistant to the Bishop & General Conference Delegate, will participate in leading this time. If you are interested in hearing about GC2020 from a delegate perspective, you must *rsvp* online at <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/PrepareforGC2020>

CHILDREN'S/FAMILY MINS. - Our Easter Egg Hunt is Sat., 4/4 from 10-11:30AM. The congregation is asked to please provide small, individually wrapped candies for the eggs. Starbursts, Tootsie rolls, and other candy of that size make perfect egg stuffers. Boxes will be set up in the narthex and by the office for donations.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 3/8 2nd Sunday in Lent

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

8:50AM 1st Worship

10AM Sunday School

11AM 2nd Worship

Reception for Jackie Smith follows 2nd worship (FH)

5:30-7PM UMYF

Monday 3/9

Robin/Vacation Day

6:30PM All Girls - Scouts

6:45PM Walking

Tuesday 3/10

10AM Lenten Bible Study Begins (Young-at...Rm)

10AM StoryTime (Library)

10:30AM Friendly Club

6:30PM Lenten Bible Study Begins (Young-at...Rm)

6:45PM Line Dancing (FH)

7PM Women in Christ

7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

Wednesday 3/11

3-4PM Food Pantry Open

5:30-7PM Boy Scouts

Fundraiser Meal (Spaghetti)

6:30-7:30PM Youth Bible Study

7PM Choir

Thursday 3/12

7PM Missions

Friday, 3/13

Church Office Closed.

Saturday 3/14 Parlor in use 10-4PM

(Wedding Party/Dressing)

Sunday 3/15 3rd Sunday in Lent

Noisy Collection

8:50AM 1st Worship

11AM 2nd Worship

5:30-7PM UMYF

COMING UP

Mon., 3/16 @ 7PM SPRC

Tues., 3/17 **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

Tues., 3/17 Lenten Bible Study (10AM & 6:30PM)

Wed., 3/18, 5:30-7PM Fundraiser Meal/Chicken Pie (FH) (All Girl/Scouts)

Thurs., 3/19 Spring Begins!

Thurs., 3/19 @ 7PM Children/Family Ministries

Fri., 3/20 FH/KIT in use after 6PM

Sat., 3/21 FH/KIT in use 9AM-4PM

Sun., 3/22 Easter Lily Orders Begin

Mon., 3/23 @ 6:30PM Children/Family Ministries (conf. rm.)

Wed., 3/25 @ 6PM Handbells

Wed., 3/25 @ 7PM Special Song, *Messiah*, Practice/Choir

Thurs., 3/26 @ 7PM Bradshaw Vet. Mem. Comm.

Fri., 3/27 from 6-9PM Canvas Painting/Craft Fundraiser (Cubs) in FH

Prayer Concerns

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer

Vicky Alexander

Jack Bowman

Suzie Branch

Edna Coble (Morningview)

Jane Dunham

Cory Fields

Kelsey Garrett

Nancy Golden

Ruby Hockett

Ongoing cont.

Betty Hull

Larry Knight

Clyde Land

Marjorie Mabe

Lucille McClintock

Dennis McGee

Mildred Moser

Jamie O'Daniel

Our Homebound

Immediate Prayer

Rev. Ed Armfield

Martha Boren

Carol Coble

Ronda Faggart

Brad Fields

Wayne & Ruby Kirkman

Carolyn Johnson

Alice Jones

Kenny McGinnis

Immediate cont.

Donald Rose McGee (Ruth's sister)

Preston Ryan

Mike Underwood

Bette Weatherly

Ernest Wicker

Military

Matthew Jones (friend of Londa P.)

Robert Russell (Kylie S.'s boyfriend)

PRAY – The Spiritual Growth Team is asking that from now through General Conference May 5-15 that everyone stops what they are doing **EVERY DAY at 5PM** and prays a simple prayer for General Conference – **Peace and God's will to be done.** We are asking that you start your prayer with the following Scripture: Matthew 6:10 – “Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven.”

CAMP MEETING 2020 – Daniel Lumpee will be preaching at the 7PM Camp Meeting services this year. Per administrative council, funds needed to make this happen will come directly from the congregation's donations. The church has paid the actual Camp Meeting expenses of \$2,525.16 for the travel/housing of Rev. Daniel Lumpee. **This has been done in a manner that will qualify contributions toward this expense to be recorded on your church Statement of Giving.** Thank you in advance. (Please label your gift by writing 'for Lumpees' on the offering envelope. If writing a check, make check payable to BUMC, write 'for Lumpees' on the memo line.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER FOR 2-4 GRADES is needed. If you are able to serve or want more info, please contact Sandie Harris (336) 681-1558. Thank you.

SAFE SANCTUARY – Because of **Safe Sanctuary**, children cannot be permitted to wander the church unattended. We have had incidences where unsupervised children had been found in empty classrooms sitting on opened window sills. Parents/responsible adults are asked to please escort children to their Sunday School Classroom at the start of the class. Please do not leave your child until the teacher is present.

SPECIAL LENTEN OFFERING - If you would like to participate in the Heifer International Special Lenten Offering, banks are available in the narthex and on the table outside of the church office. This offering will be received Sunday, April 19.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – Announcements and information to be listed in the bulletin should be sent to the church office no later than Tuesday evening. Please send info by email to bethumcclimax@gmail.com Thank you.

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TODAY ON THE CROSS

THE DRAPE

Today a **LONG PIECE OF CLOTH** is draped on the **ROUGH-HEWN CROSS**. This piece of cloth may be called a **VEIL** or **DRAPE**. Such a cloth was used to lower Jesus' body from the cross by putting the cloth across His chest and armpits.

The **ROUGH-HEWN CROSS** and **PASSION SYMBOLS** remind us of our Lord's cruel and horrifying death and also reveal His glory.

TODAY ON THE TABLES

THE WASH BASIN AND TOWEL

Jesus came to serve, not to be served, and to give His life as a ransom for many. During the Last Supper in the Upper Room when He and His disciples had finished eating, Jesus got up from the table and began to wash the disciples' feet. The custom at the time was that it was left to the lowliest servant to perform the disliked duty of washing the dirty, filthy feet of strangers or travelers before they entered a house. This was a true display of His humility and servanthood. This expressive act with the **WASH BASIN** and **TOWEL** foreshadowed His ultimate act of love and humility on the cross.

When Jesus washed the disciples' feet, He told them and us in John 13:14-15, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you."

During the **SEASON OF LENT**, we remember how Jesus came as the suffering servant and that as His followers we, too, are to serve one another.