



Lent Has Begun

On Ash Wednesday we heard the words,
“Remember that you are dust...”

Those words are not meant to shame us. They are meant to awaken us.

Lent is a season of clarity.

A season of returning.

A season of learning again how to hear the voice of God above every other voice competing for our attention.

In Genesis, God's first word to humanity was freedom — “You are free...” — before another voice ever questioned it.

Today we will explore what happens when we misremember what God has said... and how easily subtle distortions can pull us away from trust.

Lent invites us to slow down, quiet the noise, and ask:
Whose voice is shaping my life?

Worship and Praise Gathering

First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

Liturgical Color: White
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rob Ray

Please register your attendance on the pads found in each pew.

Prelude

Dona Nobis Pacem from Song of Peace

Arnold Sherman

"Grant Us Thy Peace"

The Sanctuary Bells

Dr. Anita Williams, Tammy Urbansky, Dr. Amy Muse,
Natalie Bradley, Carla Hillis, Caron Williams,
Allen Mason, Bob Studley, Jill Masee

Hymn

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Christ for the World We Sing

Baptism (11:00)

Hughes Leyton Wainwright

son of Tyler and Avoly Wainwright
brother of Haines and Rosie

Refrain: Hughes, Hughes, God claims you, God helps you,
protects you, and loves you, too.

We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be.
Refrain

We are here to say this day, that we will help you on your way.
Refrain

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (sung)

*Hymn

528

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Music

Timbrel and Dance
The Sanctuary Bells

Kevin McChesney

***Doxology**

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Scripture

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Sermon

Hearing Voices

Rev. Carruth

***Hymn**

420 *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

***Closing Blessing**

***Postlude**

Postlude on DUKE STREET arr. Mitchell Eithun
The Sanctuary Bells

*Stand as you are able

- The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Jeanie Granade Farmer, Sarah Bates Granade and Alethia Rogers Bates - who shared a birthday in February. Thanks be to God for their love and legacy! James Farmer, Maggie Yelton, and Meredith Deal
 - A pre-school nursery is provided for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. Children's Church is provided at 11 a.m. for children 4 years of age through their completing first grade. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding these locations in the Education building.
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Weekly Schedule

Monday, February 23

12 p.m. - Moms Bible Study
5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room
4 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting in the Office Conference Room
7 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal in the FLC
7 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 24

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship
10:30 a.m. - JOY Choir buses depart for the Phoenix
6 p.m. - Diving Deeper Women's Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room
7 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal in the FLC

Wednesday, February 25

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast in the Youth Center
4:30 p.m. - Tree House Trades
6:30 p.m. - Youth Worship and Bible Study in the Youth Center
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

2 p.m. - Walking in the FLC
7 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal in the FLC

Community Assistance Program

We are collecting **\$25 Kroger gift cards** for our Community Assistance program. These cards will be given to families in need here in Perry. You may bring these gift cards to the church office or place them in the offering plate on Sunday.

Our love, sympathy, and prayers are given to Jane Collier upon the passing of her husband, Tom Collier on February 18.

There will be a visitation tomorrow, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Sanctuary which will be followed by the funeral at 12 p.m. Afterward, Tom will be laid to rest at Andersonville National Cemetery with military honors.



Prime Time Luncheon
Thursday, March 5
12 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall
\$11 per person

Our lunch will be catered by Durdens BBQ (pulled pork, green beans, macaroni and cheese) and we will have dessert.

Our program will be presented by Everyday Farm and Garden here in Perry.

Reserve your spot by tomorrow, February 23 by calling the church office.

METHODIST
MEN

Methodist Men Dinner
Tuesday, March 3
6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
\$20 per person

Our program will be from Jay Jones. Jay is on the board of Bill Glass Ministries and is the pastor for Bluebird in Fort Valley. Dinner will be catfish, catered by Creekside.

Call the church office at 478-987-1852 to reserve a spot.