

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## March 17, 2024

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### THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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“Ach Gott und Herr”

Setting: Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

#### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Hall, Liturgist

Leader: Look at the heavens!

**People: They are shouting the glory of God.**

Leader: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God’s creative works.

**People: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Leader: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**People: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

#### \*HYMN #649 *(see bulletin)*

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Newton/Excell

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

*You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. (time for silent confession) Amen.*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

#### \*HYMN #697 *(see bulletin)*

“Take My Life”

Havergal/Malan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

## WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Were You There?”

Setting: Charles Callahan

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

KID’S CHURCH (*5th grade or younger*)

## WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

ANTHEM

“How Beautiful/There is a Redeemer”

Paris/Larsen

SECOND READING:

Matthew 8:27- 9:1

SERMON

“Lost But Found”

Dr. Walker

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

From *The Confession of St. Patrick* (4)

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*This is because there is no other God, nor will there ever be, nor was there ever, except God the Father. He is the one who was not begotten, the one without a beginning, the one from whom all beginnings come, the one who holds all things in being – this is our teaching. And his son, Jesus Christ, whom we testify has always been, since before the beginning of this age, with the father in a spiritual way. He was begotten in an indescribable way before every beginning. Everything we can see, and everything beyond our sight, was made through him. He became a human being; and, having overcome death, was welcomed to the heavens to the Father. The Father gave him all power over every being, both heavenly and earthly and beneath the earth. Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ, in whom we believe and whom we await to come back to us in the near future, is Lord and God.*

*He is judge of the living and of the dead; he rewards every person according to their deeds.*

*He has generously poured on us the Holy Spirit, the gift and promise of immortality, who makes believers and those who listen to be children of God and co-heirs with Christ.*

*This is the one we acknowledge and adore – one God in a trinity of the sacred name.*

**\*HYMN #726** (*see bulletin*) “Will You Come and Follow Me / The Summons”

Bell/Maule

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Psalm of Glory”

Dorothy Wells

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(\*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren Ava, Marshall, Ruth Anne, Willis, James, Ellen, Avery, Julianne, and John Henry  
by Susan and Marshall McCranie.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ELDERS OF THE MONTH:** Katie Cato and Charmaine Johnson

**Monday, March 18 at 10 a.m. CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 18 at 12:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER**

**Saturday, March 23 at 8 a.m. CORNERSTONES—TO BIRDSONG PLANT SALE**

**Sunday, March 24 at 11 a.m. PALM SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Sunday, March 24 at 4 p.m. CHURCH-WIDE GATHERING (Egg Hunt, Games for All Ages, Cookout)**

**Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. *no watch supper!! Join us Thursday instead.***

*(Women's Bible Study and Confirmation Class will still meet on Wednesday evening)*

**Thursday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. SOUP, SANDWICHES & MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

**Friday, March 29 at Noon GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE on the lawn**

**Sunday, March 31 at 7 a.m. EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE in the back field**

**Sunday, March 31 at 8-11 a.m. FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: *bring flowers to put on the front lawn cross***

**Sunday, March 31 at 11 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**

*Card Playing Schedule: These Thursdays at 1 p.m. — March 21 and 28*

## **RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS**

***MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!*** Email: [firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com) Call: 229-985-3158

**Wednesday, March 20: EASTER WATCH MEAL at 5:30 p.m.**

**Everyone:** Baked Ham or Baked Turkey with Dressing, Dinner Rolls, Collard Greens, Sweet Potato Souffle, Lima Beans, Salad Bar

**Dessert:** Sweet Potato Pie, Apple Pie, Pecan Pie, Cookies & Ice Cream

**Sunday, March 24: CHURCH-WIDE SPRING GATHERING at 4 p.m. in our Sports Field  
EASTER EGG HUNT, GAMES FOR ALL AGES AND A COOKOUT—*bring your own lawn chair!***

Cookout food provided: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Tea & Lemonade, Ice Cream & Cookies

***Email [firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. We need a head count for the cookout!***

***(Permanent WATCH reservations do not apply.)***

## **DONATE TO THE MOMMY MALL BY THE END OF MARCH**

We are collecting baby goods for the Hope House Mommy Mall. **Items most needed:** Newborn up to 2T boys clothes, breastfeeding supplies (breast pumps both manual & electric, bags for breast milk, nursing pads); Dr. Brown or Philips Avent bottles and bottle brushes, play mats, mesh or plastic baby tubs, tummy time pillows, thermometers/healthcare kits, diaper bags, bouncers, baby carriers for carrying baby close to mom, baby shampoo, diaper bags and size 5-7 diapers. See the board above the Helping Hands box for other needs. Hope House also needs volunteers to work with women in online parenting classes.

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: EASTER SUNDAY OFFERING, MAR. 31**

Celebrating 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing will share God's love this year through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. *If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*