

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 4, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Callahan

"Jesus Shall Reign"

arr. Thompson

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus, Light of the World,

Give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now –

As children of light, we are called

To what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World,

Give us eyes to see as you see!

* HYMN

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 610

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace.

You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our

foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence.

We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to

dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O

Lord...*(silent confession)*...

Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands,

and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy

way. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.



TUCKAHOE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Called by God
to be the heart, voice, hands and feet of
Christ where the Spirit leads us.*

***GLORIA** *"In My Life"* No. 468
In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a Page 663
We proclaim Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"Grace"* Hayes

CENTSABILITY OFFERING

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN Sarah Dennis

GOSPEL LESSON John 9: 1 - 41 Page 102
We proclaim Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God.
Thanks be to God.

*** HYMN** *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"* No. 452

SERMON *"Blind Faith"* Diane Prevary

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08*
In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared
their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love
of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of
sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into
conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their
goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many

rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely
for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which
everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead,
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became
victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Remember your mercy, O Lord, and help us,
for you are strong and trustworthy.

...Let all generations see your blessing,
for your name is holy and your mercy is great.

...Show the strength of your hand,
quiet our fears.

...Comfort those of us who are afflicted,
with your mighty, healing hands.

...Afflict those of us who are comfortable,
to feel the pain of all who suffer.

...Then we will sing out with joy and glorify you forever;
for your mercy shows no bounds. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* Raney

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* No. 451

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *"Concertino"* Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

Today's Worship Leaders are Diane Prevary, *Parish Associate*; Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Sarah Dennis, *Director of Christian Formation*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*; TChime6; Alex Miller *Lay Reader*; and Risher Martin, *Acolyte*

We welcome our visitors today and invite you to join us for refreshments in Duntreath Hall after the service so we can get acquainted. Please sign the Friendship Pads when they are passed in the pews. If you are visiting Tuckahoe for the first time, please see an usher in the narthex to receive a gift.

The flowers are given by the Calhoun and Moses Families to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Calhoun and Norris Moses. **Nursery helpers** are Sarah Dennis, Christie Wilson and Marielle Pool. **The Fellowship Time is hosted** by Olivia Buck and Sherry Flournoy.

Pastoral Care Concerns:

Hospitalized or recovering: Robert Dennis, Bruce McVey and Ann Moses

Continuing prayers for: Al Honkala, Gloria Morton, Jan Stevens and Doris Tate

We extend our Christian sympathies and prayers for God's comfort to Katherine Calhoun, Phil and Valerie Calhoun and the rest of the Calhoun family on the death of Henry who died on February 14, 2018. A memorial service was held in our sanctuary yesterday morning.

We extend our Christian sympathies and prayers for God's comfort to Ann Moses and Ginger Spence and their families on the death of Ann's husband, Norris, who died on February 22, 2018. A memorial service was held in our sanctuary yesterday afternoon.

This morning, during the Moments with Children, we will collect the monthly CentsAbility Offering. This important monthly offering, based on "two cents per meal", is a way for all of us to give to the hungry in our community.

Ushers for the month of March are Tom Adair, Brad Burnett, Randy Campbell, Ross DeBolt, Ray Hoge, Bill Stallings and Emily Theuer.

The 2018 Mission Trip plans are set. All youth entering high school and up, as well as all adults, are invited to join us July 1-7 as we travel to WVA. A planning meeting will be held this morning, following worship, in the sanctuary.

Join us this Wednesday night for our mid-week meal and fellowship as Cooking Team #3 will prepare lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. Dr. Brain Blount, **President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, will be our guest speaker as we continue our monthly program of "Sharing Our Story"**. Children's Chime Choir and KMD Bells will rehearse with Mr. Mark and Ms. Sarah from 6:30 - 7:00. Be sure to register on the friendship pad today or on the event block on the church home page so the cooking team will know how much to prepare!

Our annual *Rise against Hunger* packaging event is being changed from an October event to a March date for 2018. And the date is fast approaching! Mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, March 17th. You can donate or volunteer using this direct link: <http://events.stophungernow.org/TPC2018>.

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 18th, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee.

On Sunday, March 18th, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a "Lucky Us Luncheon" immediately following worship in Duntreath Hall as an extended fellowship time. Please bring your favorite salad to share. Desserts and beverages will be provided. Sign up on the friendship pads during worship, call the church office by March 16th, or register on our web-site by clicking the "Lucky Us Luncheon" block on the home page.

Guess what? No...guess who! What? Where's this going? No, guess who's coming! What's going on? Dinner, that's what!! Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. We are having our annual "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" night. We are looking for several folks to sign up and host dinner at their home. Hosting is so easy. You can have pizza, you can cook out on your grill, you can make recipes you've wanted to try. Don't worry that you may not know the guests coming to your home...you will definitely know them by the end of the evening! Just tell us how many people you would like to host. And of course, we need folks to sign up to be guests. That's easy too. Childcare will be provided at church so you can enjoy an evening out. Dessert and coffee will be hosted by volunteers at the church after dinner. So sign up and enjoy the evening!

We are planning a unique Spring All-Church Clean Up experience. There will be a day of service at the church following a new Palm Sunday Worship Service on March 25th. Join us for

Fellowship in Duntreath Hall at 9 am prior to our Palm Sunday service at 9:30 am. Immediately following worship, we'll have a dedication prayer and work together around the church to prepare for Easter. This will be a different type of Sabbath. A list of tasks will be prepared prior to Palm Sunday so you can target your talents where you'd like to help. Don't wear your usual Sunday clothes. Dress casually for outside and inside projects. Contact Tom Lee, 740-4907 or the church office if you have suggestions or questions.

Join us on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 to 12:00 in Room 106 for a workshop dealing with matters related to preparation for our own death or the death of our parents. Our tendency is to push death to the margins of our lives - let's not think/talk about that, for goodness sake! Where better to face our mortality than in the church, where we affirm that death is not the end - that death is swallowed up in victory - victory in the one whose death and resurrection brings us the promise of eternal life? Please register for this event on the Friendship Pad or online at the church's website. Childcare will be provided. [Please note this is a date change from *The Torch* information if you received a mailed copy of *The Torch*.]

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LECTIONARY TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22
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THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

Sunday, March 4

- 9:30 AM New Member Class - Church Parlor
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
- 12:30 PM Christian Formation Committee Meeting - Room 106
- 12:30 PM Mission Trip Meeting - Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 5

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- 7:00 PM Women's Study Group @ home of Ruth Anna Langdon

Tuesday, March 6

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer - Church Parlor

Wednesday, March 7

Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting - Workroom
- 10:30 AM Meals on Wheels
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper- Duntreath Hall
- 6:30 PM KMD Bells and TChime6 Rehearsals
- 7:00 PM Adult Handbells - Bell Room

Thursday, March 8

Office hours 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - Room 108
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 210

Friday, March 9

Office closed

- 10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

Sunday, March 11

- 9:30 AM New Member Class - Church Parlor
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Group



HOLY WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

- Thursday, March 29 6:45 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
- Friday, March 30 Noon Good Friday Worship in the Garden
- Sunday, April 1 6:45 a.m. Easter Dawn Worship on the Lawn
- 11:00 a.m. Easter Day Worship