

Service of Worship
March 9, 2025 | 10AM
The First Sunday of Lent

Lent



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Wilson, NC

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† *At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

CH indicates Chalice Hymnal (red hymn book)

CP indicates Chalice Praise (purple hymn book)

Greeting

Chiming of the Trinity

Sharing the Light of Christ

Charlotte Sutton, Acolyte

Prelude

There Is a Fountain arr. Marty Parks

Robby Boyette, clarinet

Casey Childers, piano

We Begin Together

†Opening Statement

Carol Steffa

Leader: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

People: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

Leader: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

People: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

Leader: In this time of reflection and repentance,

People: We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.

†Praying Together

led by Carol Steffa

Loving Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten season, we are met with the challenge of handing over every bit of our lives that do not come from You. To rid ourselves of what clutters our lives, and all that distracts us from the simple truth of Your love for us.

If we don't give anything up for Lent, then let us at least give up this: that we might cease living in ways that disconnect us from You, for every one of our steps is like a circle round Your temple. Perhaps this Lent, we can give up our way and give ourselves to Your way for us.

So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way. Amen.

†Opening Hymn ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** CH #195

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Liturgy of the Word

Children's Moment

Jeannette Etheridge

(Following the children's moment, children pre K-5th grade are invited
to attend Children's Sunday School in the Education Building)

Scripture

John 1: 1-5; 14-18

Carol Steffa

Sermon

"God, Christ, Holy Spirit"

Rev. Brame

Hymn of Response

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

CH #353

vs. 1 Leader, **vs. 2 ALL**, vs. 3 Leader, **vs. 4 ALL**

vs 1 Come to me, O weary traveler, come to me with your distress,
come to me you heavy burdened, come to me and find your rest.

**vs 2 Do not fear, my yoke is easy, do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.**

vs 3 Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

**vs 4 Rest in me, O weary traveler, rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle, rest and cast away your care.**

Praying Together

Prayer Concerns

Melissa Inscoe

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jamie Brame

Prayer Response

Hide Me In Your Holiness

CP #88

(First time sung by leaders. Second time sung by all)

Hide me, Lord, in your holiness; ev'ry sin I now confess.

Praise to you, forgiving Lord, hide me in your holiness, hide me in your holiness.

At the Table

Minute For Mission

Terry Shackelford

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Brame

Offertory for Week of Compassion

Chancel Choir

Come to the Water by John Foley

O, let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.

Without money without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.

Without money without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord.

All who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Let the ones who are laden, let them come to the Lord.

Bring the children without might. Ease the load and light. Come to the Lord.

†A Lenten Doxology

TUNE: HAMBURG

Doxology Text by G.W. Dub Shepherd

Praise God throughout these forty days;

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts.

†Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Brame

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Brame

Communion Prayer

Melissa Inscoe

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*(The Bread and the Cup will be served to you in the pews.
We will take them together when the Minister speaks the Words of Institution.)*

Music for Communion ***Breathe*** by Michael W. Smith led by Encounter

Words of Institution Rev. Brame

†The Lord's Prayer led by Rev. Brame

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. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Depart to Serve

†Closing Song ***Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*** CH #211

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves,
O, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.

†Prayer of the Elders Melissa Inscoe

†Blessing Rev. Brame

†Postlude Casey Childers, organ
Prelude and fugue in g minor, BWV 558 by J.S. Bach

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Postlude Etiquette—As worship ends, it's not necessary for you to sit and listen to the postlude, but please be respectful of those who do care to enjoy it.

In Our Prayers

Joyce Avery (Gilda Cauley and Celia Avery's aunt); Keith Barnes; Martha Beland; Donahue Bottoms, Jr. (Dalen Bottoms' son); Allyson Branch; Michelle Brooks (friend of Christy Webb); Steve Brown; Tracey and Tom Brown (friends of Robby and Ethan Boyette); Beverly Carter (Wendy Wingrove's sister-in-law); Alice Davis; Freddie Deans; Mary Louise Gray; Nell Griffin; ; Phoebe Hayes; Shirley Hayes (Kathy Proctor's stepmother); Lynn Kyle (friend of Libby Daniell); Larry Mitchell (Gilda Cauley's friend); JoJo Near; Sue Newcomb; Wayne Perry; Brenda Proctor (mother of Christy Proctor); Evelyn Quinn (friend of Shannon and Sara Jones-Eatmon); Judy Rains; Janet Robbins; Kathy Sandifer; Jo Shackelford; Tony Snider (Bob & Leslie Kendall's friend); Jeremy, Amanda and Hudson Luke Sutton; Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum.

Homebound

Dalen Bottoms; Sherry Brenner; Hazel Byers; Gilbert Ferrell; Nell Griffin; Judy Harris; Wimpy Jefferson; Anne Sharpe; Kathleen Ujlaki; A.J. Walston.

(If you have prayer requests, you may fill out a prayer request card, located in the pew racks, and place it in the offering plate. They will be collected and given to the Elders.)

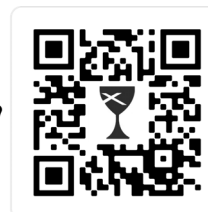
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Welcome to FCC!



**Keep on doing the things
that you have
learned and received and
heard and seen in me,
and the God of peace
will be with you.**

Philippians 4:9



Church Calendar

Sunday, March 9 Week of Compassion

- 10:00am Worship
11:11am Sunday Morning Small Group “What If Jesus Was Serious?”
11:15am Disciples Class

Tuesday, March 11

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Encounter
6:30 pm Chancel Ringers
6:30pm Green Chalice Team meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 12

- 12:10pm Community Lenten Service & lunch at Calvary Presbyterian Ch.
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 13

- 6:30pm Elder’s Meeting

Sunday, March 16

- 10:00am Worship
11:11am Sunday Morning Small Group “What If Jesus Was Serious?”
11:15am Disciples Class

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