

Announcements

Mardi Gras Lent Kickoff: Come join us in the CLC after Worship today to celebrate Mardi Gras and have some lunch!

Singing Girls of Texas Concert: Come listen to a beautiful concert of the Singing Girls of Texas and White Station High School Treble Choir on March 8th, at 7pm. Admission will be free.

Scout Sunday will be March 30th. A fundraiser luncheon celebration is planned following the service. Troop 40 will be 100 years this year. Anyone who has any scouting pictures or memorabilia from over the years, please bring it to the church by March 9th or contact Jonathan St. Gelais at 901-508-7207 or Lisa St. Gelais at 901-230-9174 or by email at stgelaisfamily@gmail.com.

St. Luke's will be starting our Sherwood Elementary School Easter Clothing Drive March 1st. We will once again be collecting spring dress clothing for the boys and girls of Sherwood Elementary. Cute Spring sweaters and dresses, ties and dress shirts are welcome. If you would like to help, please hang or place the clothing on the rack located in the hospitality hall by the desk.

VBS Interest Meeting: VBS will be held on June 9-12 from 5:30-7:30 pm and we will be holding an initial interest/planning meeting immediately following Church on **Sunday, March 23rd**. Lunch will be provided.

Children's Choir Gearing up for Easter: Parents, please make sure your kids are on time to Sunday School because we will be practicing for a Palm Sunday performance weekly starting March 16th from 10a-10:20a in the Day School Lobby.

Combined Kids Sunday School Class for Lenten Season: Parents we will be bringing back our combined class for the Lenten Season that will start on Sunday March 23rd and will be meeting downstairs in the Day School building.

Easter Egg Hunt: Volunteers are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The event will be held on Saturday 4/12 from 10:30a-12p in Fellowship Hall. In addition to needing helpers, we will be taking donations of small pieces of individually wrapped candy to stuff our eggs with as well as Little Debbie Snack Cakes for the cake walk and empty easter eggs. Please leave donations at the front desk and reach out to Mary Page Contreras to volunteer.

Prayer Requests

Tom Burkett, Marty Cobb, Diane Hayne, Fred and Mary Kay Kuhns (friends of the Colters), Jill Dye Congdon (former member), Kim Davis (brother in law Melinda Kaler), and David and Mike Smith.

Sympathy and Christian Love to the Smith family in the death of Rosemary. Her Memorial Service was held this week.

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office at 452-6262

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

February 2025

Actual Giving: \$43,787

Budgeted: \$53,384

YTD 2025

Actual Giving: \$109,454

Budgeted: \$106,767



March 2nd 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are becoming a faithful community of
disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus
Christ with all people.*

Did You Know?

" John 21:17: "Jesus said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you as know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep'".

St. Luke's actively serves the hungry in many ways including the production of Manna (emergency food) Bags, serving Saturday evening Suppers and Sunday morning Community Breakfasts and providing our on-site food pantry. For more information, including contacts for each of our ministries, please check our website.

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Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday- 8:30am-3:00pm

Friday- Closed

Order of Worship

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Amy Pearson and Mary Page Contreras for their loving spirit and the smiles they share with children and church members, from Ruth and Warren Morrison.

The rose bud in the sanctuary celebrates the birth of Florence Martindale Wofford, born February 23, 2025. She is the daughter of Amethyst and Michael Wofford, granddaughter of Amber and Mark Wofford and great-granddaughter of Helen Wofford.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arr. Gayden Sikes

Our Savior, Our Shepherd

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thank be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse Rm. 215 during the **second** verse of the opening hymn.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH 121

*SCRIPTURE

Pew Bible New Testament Page 87

John 2: 1-11

ANTHEM

Adam Miller

All I Claim

Chancel Choir

When I sail on stormy seas, I hear your voice upon the breeze and lift my eyes up from the deep to Christ alone. In your presence and your grace is my home, my sacred space. I am safe in love's embrace with Christ alone. And when sorrow calls my name, and I'm bowed with grief and shame, lift me up to be again with Christ alone. When my joy is uncontained and my blessing beyond name, still your grace is all I claim in Christ alone. There's a welcome for us all, the broken, weary, and the small, if we only heed the call to Christ alone. Let the wonder of His name give you respite from your pain, and in grace we shall remain with Christ alone. In Your love we're home again, with Christ alone.

MESSAGE

Rev. Dennis Neenan

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, we ask that you receive our gifts as a sign of our commitment to you and we pray that they, and we may honor you and serve you both in this world and in the next. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Arr. Rick Parks

And Can It Be

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

AN INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace

UMH 378

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Arr. Douglas Wagner

Rejoice, Ye Pure of Heart

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*Congregation stand as able.

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If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.

