

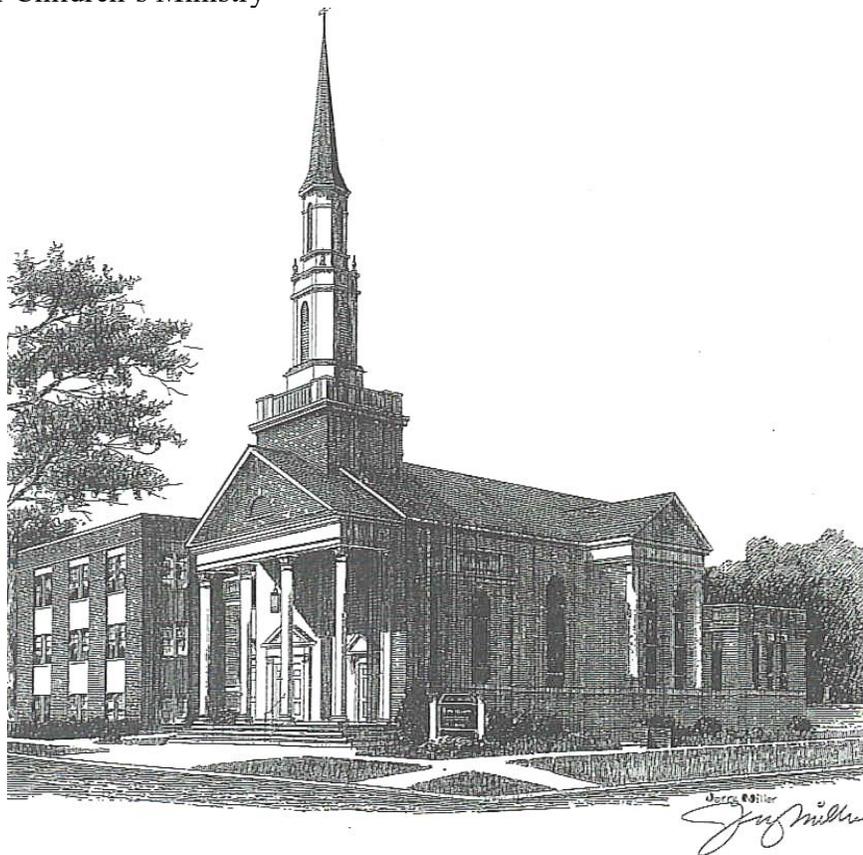
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 26, 2023

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who labor and are heavy laden.

My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. (Ps 38)

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,

whose sins are covered. (Ps 32)

Lord, do not forsake me; do not be far from me, my God. Come quickly to help me, my Lord and my Savior. (Ps 38)

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;

sing all you who are upright in heart! (Ps 32)

Bring us to the cross and we shall live!

†HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

No. 295

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

†OPENING PRAYER

Unison

Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that we might receive mercy and new life. Draw us to the cross, dear Lord, for there we fall upon your grace and embrace the journey of everlasting life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†**GLORIA PATRI**

Unison

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

CROWN OF THORNS

8:30 Rodney Kemp
11:00 Dykeman and Loretta Baily

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Unison

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever, Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:1-10

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Brethren, We Have Met To Worship"

Chancel Choir

†**DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

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

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Refrain:

At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away; it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.

Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
(Refrain)

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin.
(Refrain)

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.
(Refrain)

. But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.
(Refrain)

SCRIPTURE**Romans 7:14-25****SERMON****“Toward the Cross”****Pastor Powell****HYMN****“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”****No. 361**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

†**BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE
TRINITY CHIMES

(Please remain in place at the end of the service until the conclusion of the Trinity Chimes)

Chancel Choir

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kay and Larry Starling and the 68 children that have benefitted from Backpack Blessings each weekend.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

The Steeple lighting for the month of February is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank and Hunter, and in honor of Ben's birthday on February 18th. God bless our World and counting our blessings by Mary Ann Holland.

TUESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the Jackie Eure classroom.
Music, short devotional, Holy communion, and prayers.



The Pilgrim's Progress

The season of Lent draws us into great self-reflection about our sin and need for forgiveness as we journey toward the cross and resurrection. John Bunyan wrote a classic in 1678 entitled *The Pilgrim's Progress*, an allegory of the journey each person makes from death in sin to life in Christ. When Jesus said, "Follow Me," it was not to an easy journey for he added "Take Up your Cross." The Pilgrim's journey opens our eyes to the challenges and temptations we too will face as we move forward in faith. The Good News is the promise of God welcoming all in Jesus into his Celestial City, the new creation.

The Chosen - Season 2

The Chosen is a multi-season made-for-tv story of the life and ministry of Jesus. It is crowd-funded, therefore free, to the world. You are invited to gather to review each episode of season two with selected clips and dig into the biblical message presented. You may choose to watch the episode before or after studying. Contact Pastor Powell (posteen@firstmethodist.life) to let him know your interest or register on the app/website.

Handbells

Phil Routszong, our Director of Music, invites you to a Handbell interest meeting on March 5th at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

Ekklesia

Ekklesia is a Section 8 low cost housing community of elderly residents supported by First Methodist Church and three other local churches. There is a continual need for certain items and a box has been placed in the atrium for donations. Items needed include household cleaners, toilet tissue, Kleenex, laundry detergents, dryer sheets, shampoo, deodorants, hand cream, and hand sanitizer. All items collected will be delivered to Ekklesia on a weekly basis. Thank you for your support of this effort

Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches will begin on Tuesday, February 28th @ 12:10 with a brief service in the Sanctuary followed by lunches in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to attend, and no reservations are needed.

2/28 - Rev. Vera Price, Pastor of St James AME Zion, Vandemere

3/7 - Rev. Lee Pittard, Pastor of Harker's Island Methodist Church

3/14 - Rev. Connie Stutts, Pastor of Rhems & Beech Grove Methodist Churches, New Bern

3/21 - Rev. Dr. Bill Snow, St. Stephens AME Zion Church

3/28 - Rev. Donald Thomas, Pastor of Franklin Memorial & Salter Path Methodist Churches

4/4 - Rev. Tim Nichols, Pastor of Bethlehem Methodist Church, Bogue

Tour of Edenton

Thursday, March 16th

Waverunners are traveling to Edenton, NC. Edenton is an exciting, vibrant, and endlessly interesting place to visit. We will eat lunch once we arrive and then experience a leisurely tour of Edenton and learn about its 300-year history, aboard the Edenton Trolley Tour. The guided tour is one of many fun things to do in Edenton, showcasing notable sites throughout the Downtown Historic District and into the Edenton Cotton Mill Village. We will leave the church by van at 8:30 AM from the Bridges Street Parking Lot. RSVP by March 6th and pay for your \$10 Trolley Ticket. This trip is limited to 18 people. Sign up online or at the church office.

VBS Registration is OPEN!

August 7-11th. Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Registration is now open!