



*Sunday, February 22nd 2026
First Sunday Of Lent*

Welcome and Invitations

Randi Edwards

***Call to Worship:**

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*Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.
We follow, trusting in God's mercy.*

*We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for
selfish gain.*

We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

**We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not
abandon us now.**

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

**We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of
our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise:**

UMH 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Susan Gassaway

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Band

*Anxious Hearts
10,000 Reasons*

*** Offering/Offertory**

**Susan Gassaway
Jill Mansfield, Piano**

Word of God, Across the Ages

***Doxology**

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



***Hymns**

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
Victory In Jesus

UMH 133
UMH 370

***Scripture:**

Matthew 4: 1-11 (NIV)

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The Word of God For The People of God
Thanks Be To God

***Hymns of Reflection**

It Is Well With My Soul
I Am Thine, O Lord

UMH 377
UMH 419

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH 881

Apostle's Creed

**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.**



***Closing Song**

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Praise Band

***Sending Forth**

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***Postlude**

Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC		
Sunday, February 22nd: Prayer Gathering <i>West Wing/Chapel</i>		4:00pm
Monday, February 23rd: Finance Committee Meeting Trustee Committee Meeting		5:30pm 6:00pm
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY <i>East Wing/Parlor</i> FOOD PANTRY		9:30am-11:00am 1:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH: FOOD PANTRY Bible Discussion Group <i>East Wing/Library</i> Women's Ensemble Rehearsal <i>West Wing/2nd Floor/Choir Room</i>		1:00pm - 4:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm 6:00pm - 7:00pm
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH: FOOD PANTRY		1:00pm - 4:00pm
SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST: BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP "BOILER ROOM" PRAYER GROUP		8:30am-9:00am 9:00am-10:00am 10:15am-11:30am 4:00pm-5:00pm
Birthdays		
Feb. 22nd Brooke McHugh		
Feb. 23rd Caleb Brauer Kerry Caywood Kristen Shelton		
Feb. 24th Andy Lau		
Feb. 28th Sharon Flugge		



EPWORTH

PLEASE PRAY FOR

U.S. Military	Darleen Harrison	Larry & Sara Jacobson
Law Enforcement	Jim & Rita Roles	Joyce Belville
First Responders	Donna Bingaman	Jeanie Bledsoe
Naomi Dean	Marsha Alexander	Samantha Ehrlich
Randy Holcomb	Lou Parish	Megan Colvin
Linda McClung	Lilly Watson	Yuvanah James
Roy Flugge	Stella Allen	

Euella Spoonemore - Mother of Debbie Clark
Eric Little - Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Jason Little - Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Toni Clive - Sister of Jeanne Mather
David Watson - Father of Benjamin Watson
Jane Clark - Mother of Rev. Kyle Clark
Barbara Taylor - Mother of Rev. Steve Taylor
John Holdeman - Brother of Jeanne Mather
Jeanice McDonald - Sister of Janice Smith
Kim Gaffney - Friend of Rev. Kyle & Debbie Clark
Cindy Blevins - Friend of Brenda Davidson
Terry & Kristy Fancher - Friends of Tim Brauer
Sarah McGovern - Daughter of Judy Jernigan
Kody Williams - Friend of Veda Bush
Brentley Lucas - Daughter of Regina Lucas

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mornings:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School All Ages
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Prayer Group



You are invited to attend the Lenten Lunch series presented by our community churches starting Feb 18, 2026. Each Wednesday during lent local congregations will be offering lunch at 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm with a brief worship. The following is a list of the locations and who will be preaching.

Feb 18th Location: First Christian Church (202 S. 6th Street)
Preacher: Pastor Brian Clark (New Life Christian Church)

Feb 25th Location: New Life Christian Church (1828 S. 13th Street)
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Michael Butler (First Baptist Church)

March 4th Location: Holy Name Catholic Church (210 S 7th Street)
Preacher: Father Bill Carlin (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)

March 11th Location: Chickasha First Assembly (3340 S 16th St)
Preacher: Father Michael Wheelahan (Holy Name Catholic Church)

March 18th (Spring Break) Location: St. Luke's Episcopal Church (124 S 6th St)
Preacher: Rev. Steve Taylor (Epworth United Methodist Church)

March 25th Location: Epworth Methodist Church (320 S 4 Street)
Preacher: Rev. Michael Oberlender (First Christian Church)

April 1st Location: First Baptist Church (324 W. Colorado)
Preacher: Pastor Chad Allrad (Chickasha First Assembly of God)



SALAD

We are needing volunteers to make salads for Lenten Luncheon on March 25th, 2026.

RECIPES

Need to have salads at the church by 10am on the 25th.

If you have any questions contact Sharla.



- Something Worthwhile -

An evening of warm Christian fellowship, a delicious meal, delightful musicians, and an inspirational speaker for women and men in the area.

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Epworth United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
(enter the east double doors under the large awning)



Speaker

" Courtney Ivy "

**Topic: "Supporting Brain Health
in our Community"**

Community Educator for the Alzheimer's
Association. Senior Advisor with
Next Level Senior Advisors in Tulsa.



Musicians

" Reagan & Madison Elkins "

From Chickasha - write, perform
and produce original songs.
Perform individually and in bands.
Owners of Intellego Media.

Reservations Required

Deadline -- Friday, April 10, 2026 - 5:00pm

**** Reservations & Cancellations ****

Call or text Judy Parrish - 405.250.2775

\$10 per person - Pay with exact cash or check at the door