

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON— Romans 5:1-11

Pew Bible Page 155

†HYMN 357

Just As I Am Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

†THE GOSPEL LESSON— John 4:5-14

Pew Bible Pages 94-5

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

THE APOSTLES' 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each petition, the congregation responds: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in 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.

OFFERING

*The congregation is invited to register attendance
by signing the registries found on each pew.*

OFFERTORY

The Glory of these Forty Days

*J. S Bach
(1685-1750)*

†DOXOLOGY

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 70

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.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 361

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on "Nettleton"

*David Lasky
(b. 1957)*

†The congregation stands.

All are invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments and time together.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti
Mrs. Peggy Price
Ms. Jenna Robinson
Mr. Steven Aycock
Mr. Erik-Thomas Hinson

Senior Pastor
Liturgist
Lector
Interim Organist and Music Director
Interim Organist and Music Director

Chancel Choir

THOSE SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE
ALTAR GUILD
OUTSIDE GREETERS
DOORSTEP VISITORS
USHERS

Jackson Price
Nancy Sherriff
Laura & Dave Collins
Taffy & Fred Jordan
Donald Hylton, Jerry Dymond,
Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch
Gary Price & Bill Shaffer
Carrie Carter & Debbie Vaughn

THOSE SERVING MARCH 22, 2020

ACOLYTE
ALTAR GUILD
OUTSIDE GREETERS
DOORSTEP VISITORS
USHERS

Jenna Robinson
Nancy Sherriff
Laura & Dave Collins
Gloria Matthews
Donald Hylton, Jerry Dymond,
Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch
Frances & Doug Miller
Pam Dixon & Martha Miller

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR FRIEND,
ANN "BUTTER" MORRIS, WHOM I DEARLY LOVED.
GIVEN BY SUSAN FRALEY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Lunch Bunch**, an informal gathering following worship, dines today at China Buffet, 205 No. Arlington St. All are welcome.

Midweek at First Meal is at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Reservations are required by Monday at 5:00 pm.** Children eat free. This week's menu: *meatloaf, hash brown casserole, green beans, slaw, roll, chocolate cherry cake.*

All High School Seniors – Remember that **April 15, 2020** is the deadline for scholarship applications.

Registration for the **After-School Child Care** program will begin on Monday, **March 16.** Applications may be picked up at the church or found online at www.fumcsalisbury.org then choose **LEARN, CHILDREN & YOUTH, AFTERSCHOOL CARE.** The faith-based program offers healthy snacks, outdoor/indoor play, homework assistance, creative activities, service projects and devotions. The program is open from 2:45 - 6:00 Monday - Friday. Please call (704 433 6679), email (afterschool@fumcsalisbury.org), or visit if you have questions or would like a tour. We would love to tell you about our program.

SAVE THE DATE

The **Second Visioning Day** will happen on **Sunday, March 22**, 1:30 - 5:30 pm. All church members are encouraged to participate, especially committees and ministry team members. John Dyer will lead us in thinking about church process and systems to help us gain clarity about vision.

An **Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia** workshop will be held on Thursday, **March 26** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Alzheimer's Association Certified Educator Renee Gray will lead us in a FREE hour-long workshop open to the community! Please enter through the fellowship hall door or by the playground entrance on Church Street. No registration required.

We will welcome Dr. Scott Bullard, President of Pfeiffer University, as our guest speaker for the **5th Sunday Seminary Series** on **March 29** at 9:45am in the Chapel. Sunday School classes are invited to join to hear Dr. Bullard.

The **UMW Spaghetti Luncheon** is Sunday, **March 29** from 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a bake sale. Money raised will support local missions and our youth mission projects. Please sign up on the sheets in the pew registers.

Beautiful Concord Gardens, here we come! What a joy to visit these gardens filled with thousands of tulips. Come be a part of this beauty and God's creation with our senior Methodist Connection, age 50 and above. We will meet in back of church at 9:30 am, Tuesday, **April 14** and board the bus. After touring these gardens, we will share a Dutch lunch at 2 Gals Kitchen. In case of rain, your leaders have a mystery trip planned. Please join us for this special day. Call Carol Bachl at 704 798-2333 and reserve.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

If you wish to donate to the Easter flower fund and/or order butterflies, the order forms are in the narthex. The **flower deadline is March 22** and the **butterfly deadline is March 27.**

Our Mission Fundraiser, the **Boston Butt Sale** ordering deadline is Wednesday, **March 25** with the pick-up on April 3. Don't miss out on the delicious opportunity.

The **Easter Egg Hunt Donations** deadline is Sunday, **March 27.** Please drop off individually wrapped, peanut-free candy, stickers or other small items in the box located near the volunteer office or to the church office.

The **Church Office** needs volunteers to help at the volunteer desk. If you can help on Monday and/or Friday afternoons from 1:00pm to 5:00pm; or Wednesdays 9:00am to 1:00pm; or 1:00 to 5:00 on Wednesdays, please call Becca at 704-636-3121, ext. 102. The substitute list for the front office also needs to be replenished so if you can help out, let Becca know.

Attention Golfers: If you are interested in participating in one of the two FUMC golf leagues, please contact Giles Goodman at ggoodma@bellsouth.net or ggoodman@bahnsen.com. or 704-576-5083. The Crescent League begins in early April and the McCanless League begins in May.

“The Prayers of Jesus” with Dr. James” Mickey” Efrid, a master Bible teacher is Sunday, **April 26** from 2:00pm-5:00pm. He will look closely at Jesus’ prayers in the New Testament.

Attendance for March 8, 2020

8:30am	50
11:00am	187

FINANCE AT A GLANCE

<i>As of 03/08/20</i>	2020
YTD Income	\$ 144,362.86
Less YTD Expenses	\$ (117,102.49)
Sub Total	\$ 27,260.37
*Cash on hand 12/31/2019	\$ 23,750.70
Cash on hand 03/08/20	\$ 51,011.07

FIRST TIME GUESTS are invited to stop at the Welcome Table in the Narthex as you leave to sign our guest register. Thank you for worshipping with us today and please join us again soon.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BAGS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS-5TH GRADE. A children’s bulletin that parallels the sermon and Pockets Devotional magazine for children are in the bag. This is a wonderful way to share in worship with your child!

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE for all children through age four for our services of worship. Pagers are available for the family worshipping.

COPIES OF THE ECCLESIA, our church newsletter, are available in both entrances to the Sanctuary. If you are a guest today, please take a copy and learn about the many opportunities at First United Methodist Church.

HEARING AID DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Women’s Beach Retreat
Sunday, March 15
 7:00am Boy Scout—bus
 8:30 Service of Worship—Nave
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Service of Worship—Nave
 2:00pm Women’s Bible Study—B102
 4:00 Boy Scout District Meeting—Fellowship Hall
 5:30 Salisbury Youth—offsite

Monday, March 16
 6:00pm Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall
 Girl Scouts
 7:00 Boy Scouts—Scout Room

Tuesday, March 17
 10:00am Staff Meeting—Harter Office Suite
 6:00pm Autism Society Meeting—B110 & B104
 Trustees—Harter Office Suite

Wednesday, March 18
 2:00pm Deadline for Bulletin announcements
 5:30 Midweek@FIRST—Fellowship Hall
 6:15 Lenten Prayer Service—Chapel
 Kids Connection—B101
 The Casting Queens—B110
 6:30 Way of Forgiveness—B102
 7:00 Chancel Choir—Music Suite

Thursday, March 19
 6:00pm Finance Committee—C206

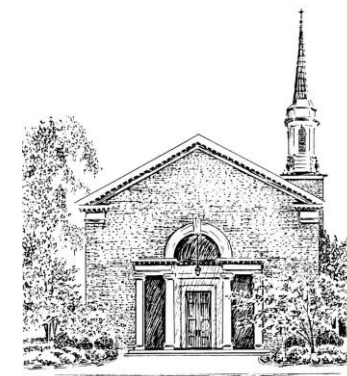
Friday, March 20
 7:00pm Mission Bridge Club—B107

Saturday, March 21
 10:00am Children’s Ministry Play—Nursery

Sunday, March 22
 8:30am Service of Worship—Nave
 9:45 Sunday School
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THE MISSION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE AND NURTURE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES THROUGH THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE
Third Sunday in Lent
 March 15, 2020 – 8:30 in the morning

GREETING

VOLUNTARY O Saviour, Precious Saviour *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

†CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)
 O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
 The hour is coming and is now here.
In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

†HYMN 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *NETTLETON*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)
Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)
This is the good news of God’s grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Kyrie eleison *John Merbecke (1510-1585)*

