

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**O** Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7                      Pew Bible Pages 2-3

†HYMN 624                      Bread of the World                      EUCHARISTIC HYMN

†THE GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 4:1-11                      Pew Bible Page 3

**T**he Word of God for the people of God.  
**T**hanks be to God!

THE SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      Forty Days and Forty Nights                      Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

†DOXOLOGY                      Glory Be to the Father                      UMH 70

**G**lory 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.

†THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (responsively)

**T**he Lord be with you.  
**A**nd also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues with the spoken Sanctus...*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join with them saying:

**H**oly, Holy, Holy Lord,  
**H**God of power and might,  
**H**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
**H**osanna in the highest.  
**B**lessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**H**osanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues...*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
In union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

*The Celebrant continues...*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

†THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**O**ur Father, who art in heaven,  
**h**allowed be thy name.  
**T**hy kingdom come,  
**t**hy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
**G**ive us this day our daily bread.  
**A**nd forgive us our trespasses,  
**a**s we forgive those who trespass against us.  
**A**nd lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
**F**or thine is the kingdom,  
**a**nd the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD  
*Allergen free elements are available at the front right station.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†HYMN 365                      Grace Greater than our Sin                      MOODY

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE                      If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee                      J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

†Congregation, standing as able.

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

**THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE**

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti                      Senior Pastor  
Mr. Steven Aycock                      Interim Organist and Music Director  
Mr. Erik-Thomas Hinson                      Interim Organist and Music Director  
Mr. Stan Price                      Liturgist

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN HONOR OF OUR FATHER, WAYNE KOONTZ AND  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER, ANNE KOONTZ.  
GIVEN BY LAURA, KEVIN & FAMILY.

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

ACOLYTE                      Austin Hedrick  
ALTAR GUILD                      Anne Hedrick  
OUTSIDE GREETERS                      Laura & Dave Collins  
DOORSTEP VISITORS                      Mo & KC Culler  
USHERS                      Donald Hylton, Jerry Dymond,  
Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch  
SECURITY                      Court Drake & Jim Martin  
NURSERY                      Genevieve Martin & Kathi Welborn

**THOSE SERVING MARCH 8, 2020**

ACOLYTE                      Austin Massaquoi  
ALTAR GUILD                      Nancy Sherriff  
OUTDOOR GREETERS                      Laura & Dave Collins  
DOORSTEP VISITORS                      Gloria Matthews  
USHERS                      Donald Hylton, Gerald Dymond,  
Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch  
SECURITY                      Phillip Floyd & Neil Pierce  
NURSERY                      Beverly Gobble & Tish Hatley

Our LENTEN Banner depicts the cross of Christ in white. It stands out against the darkness of the purple, ash gray, and other somber colors, representing pain, suffering, mourning, and penance. The two black crosses of the thieves crucified with Christ are in the background. In contrast, the lighter colors around the cross of Christ represent the hope that comes from the blood of Christ, shed for the healing of the world.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Lunch Bunch**, an informal gathering following worship, dines today at El Patron, 1030 Freeland Dr. 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: *Donna's chicken, rice, beans, roll Renee's cole slaw, chocolate pie.*

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

**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.

Our rescheduled **Women's Beach Retreat** is **March 13-15!** Lodging is \$135 for this weekend of fellowship and centering. Find more details and register at [fumcsalisbury.org](http://fumcsalisbury.org) or see Pastor Stacey.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**Peanut Butter, Jelly Drive!** Salisbury Youth are collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly to be delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries Food Pantry as part of their 'Love Week' project. PB&J are some of the most requested items at RHM. 'Love Week' is a challenge amongst the youth to see how many loving things we can do for others in the span of a week. March 8-14 we are challenging ourselves to love our community. Donations of PB&J can be dropped off in the Missions Room by March 15.

On Sunday, **March 29, 2020**, the United Methodist Women will serve a **spaghetti luncheon and sponsor a bake sale** in Fellowship Hall from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Please make your reservation on the forms in the attendance register or at the UMW bulletin board. Proceeds will benefit local mission projects and First UMC youth missions.

A **meeting about The United Methodist Church's General Conference** will be on **Monday, March 30**, at 7:00 pm. Pastor Mark Conforti will be joined by two retired United Methodist clergy, Reverend Jim Gilland and Reverend Fred Jordan, to offer insight on the upcoming General Conference (May 3-15) and its possible implications. A time for questions and answers will conclude the evening. All are welcome

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, 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.

This year you are invited to contribute towards the beautiful flowers which will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The forms are available in the bulletin, as well as, in the Narthex for those who wish to help purchase these flowers. Donations can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. The deadline is **March 22, 2020.**

Attendance for February 23, 2020

8:30am 66  
11:00am 199

FINANCE AT A GLANCE

As of 02/23/2020	2020
YTD Income	\$ 117,441.26
Less YTD Expenses	\$ (90,267.90)
Sub Total	\$ 27,173.36
Cash on hand 12/31/2019	\$ 23,750.70
Cash on hand 02/23/2020	\$ 50,924.06

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

8:30am Service of Worship—Nave  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Service of Worship—Nave  
12:15pm Open Arms Ministry—offsite  
2:00 Women’s Bible Study—B102  
5:30 Club 45 & Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 2

10:00am Naomi Circle—B107 & Fellowship Hall  
6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 422—Fellowship Hall  
Girl Scouts—Fellowship Hall  
Hannah Circle—B104  
6:30 Susanna Circle—offsite  
7:00 Boy Scouts—Scout Room

Tuesday, March 3

10:00 am Staff Meeting—Harter Office Suite

Wednesday, March 4

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 The Way of Forgiveness—B102  
7:00 Chancel Choir—Music Suite

Thursday, March 5

Friday, March 6

World Day of Prayer  
12:00pm Deadline for Ecclesia articles

Saturday, March 7

Sunday, March 8

8:30 am Service of Worship—Nave  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Service of Worship—Nave  
2:00 pm Usher Captain Meeting—B110  
Women’s Bible Study—B102  
5:30 Club 45 & Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall



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SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
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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 WITH HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020 – 8:30 in the morning

GREETING

VOLUNTARY

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

J. S. Bach  
(1685 - 1750)

†CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?  
**The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**  
People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?  
**Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**  
People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?  
**We worship the Lord our God alone.**

†HYMN 534

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**M**erciful God, forgive us:  
for closing ourselves to the driving of your Holy Spirit;  
for choosing to live in the places of comfort  
rather than being led into the wilderness;  
for letting fear of the person who is different rule our lives  
rather than letting your love for all people fill our hearts;  
for our separation from one another in the Body of Christ;  
for not trusting that you hold the future in your hands. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsively)

**B**rothers and sisters, God is full of mercy and lovingkindness for us- even in the  
midst of temptation. Let us together proclaim the good news:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

SUNG RESPONSE

Kyrie eleison

John Merbecke  
(1510-1585)



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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. Pagors 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.