

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
(Please see newsletter for more details.)

**Today:**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
 9:15 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
 Youth Rehearsal following Worship (lunch provided)

**Monday, March 5:**  
 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

**Wednesday, March 7:**  
 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters  
 11:00 a.m. W.W.A.  
 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal  
 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, March 10:**  
 Room in the Inn

**Sunday, March 11:**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**  
 Daylight Savings Time Begins– SPRING Forward!  
 9:15 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
 Sunbeam girls meet following worship  
 1:00 p.m. Project Linus  
 1:00 p.m. Youth Rehearsal

**Monday, March 12:**  
 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline  
 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga  
 11:00 a.m. CPWM Day Circle

Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of drivers. You can choose a day (or more than one day) that is convenient for you. If you are interested, please call Jill Crow at 931-645-5629.

**Sunday, March 18th following worship:**  
 Join us for a potluck and Easter egg hunt.  
**We are in need of candy donations by Sunday, March 11th.** You may bring those anytime during the week or on Sunday.  
 Additional details are in the newsletter.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY**

**Liturgist:**  
 Rev. Taylor Young

**Ushers:**  
 Kathryn Griffin— Lead Usher  
 Kenneth Griffin, David Lee  
 Bruce and Kendyl Kilby

**Acolyte(s):**

**Children’s Message:**  
 Rev. Paula Louder

February 25, 2018 Report	
Sunday School	180
Worship	221
Offering	\$6,024.50
Needed Weekly	\$7,470.00

**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Steve Louder  
 Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. E.G. Sims  
 Music/Senior Adult Minister.....Rev. Paula Louder  
 Pianist.....Ethebet Gibson  
 Organist.....Dr. Susan Jones  
 Assoc. Pastor- Youth/Young Adults/Children  
 .....Rev. Taylor Young  
 Office Administrator.....Jessica Morgan  
 Session Clerk.....Ashley Kettle  
 Preschool Director.....Alicia Coakley  
 Child Care Staff.....Kimberly Forsythe  
 Shelia Gordon



For the message  
of the cross is  
foolishness to  
those who are  
perishing, but to  
us who are being  
saved it is the  
power of God.  
1 Corinthians 1:18

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**Sunday: Fellowship - 9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday School - 9:30 A.M. ~ Worship - 10:30 A.M.**  
**Wednesday: W.O.W. - 5:15 - 7:00 P.M. ~ Choir Practice - 7:00 P.M.**

# Service for the Lord's Day

*Third Sunday in Lent*

March 4, 2018

10:30 A.M.

## Stepping into God's Presence

### Welcome and Announcements

(As the prelude is played, please begin to prepare your hearts in silent prayer for worship.)

Liturgist

### Prelude

Susan Jones

### The Light of Christ Enters

Acolytes

## Honoring God in Song and Prayer

*Based on Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

### Call to Worship

Responsively

L: How does God speak?

**P: Not with a voice like mere mortals, yet God speaks in many ways.**

L: In the bountiful creation around us:

“The midnight skies tell of God's glory, the midday sun displays holy handiwork.

**P: Each new day speaks God's language, and night after night knows more than it can tell.”**

L: Yet it is the cross of Jesus where God speaks most profoundly:

**P: “The talk of the cross sounds absurd to those who think they are sophisticated, but for us who are being saved, it is the power of God.” Amen!**

### Opening Prayer

Liturgist

### Registration of Attendance

Ushers

### Children's Message

Rev. Paula Louder

*Children fifth grade and younger are invited to come forward for the Children's Message. Worship and Wonder will follow in the Worship Center upstairs in the Education Building for children ages 3-10 who would like to attend. Today's Worship and Wonder: Jesus and Bartimaeus— Luke 18:35-43*

### Hymn of Praise

*“At the Cross”*

No. 512 (verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

### Call to Confession

Liturgist

### Prayer of Confession

In Unison

**With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know— we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own.**

**Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

God shows steadfast love and blesses to the thousandth generation those who walk in God's ways.

In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people. God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

### Passing the Peace of Christ

The Lord continues to bring God's people from slavery into freedom. Through the power of the cross of Christ, we are being saved. May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

### Anthem

*“Calvary Covers It All” with “Burdens are Lifted at Calvary”*

Choir

## Giving Thanks to God

### Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

We worship a God of abundance, from whose hands flow all the blessings of our lives. May we be spared the sin of using these blessings simply for our own pleasure and purposes. Give us right and generous hearts, O God, that your blessings may flow from our hands to those in need.

### Offertory

Ethebet Gibson

### Offertory Response

“Doxology”

No. 809

### Prayer for the Offering

Rev. Steve Louder

### Call to Prayer

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*

No. 484 (verses 1 & 3)

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Steve Louder

### 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Called to Tell

### Invitation to the Word

Responsively

L: The universe proclaims God's truth. God's knowledge flows night and day!

**P: We open our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, our hearts to receive.**

### Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Liturgist

### Prayer for Illumination

Responsively

L: Holy and eternal God, you make foolish the wisdom of the world.

**P: Through the foolishness of the cross, you save those who believe.**

L: Help us, O God, believe not only with our lips but also with our lives.

**Amen.**

### Sermon

**“The Choice of Faith”**

Rev. Steve Louder

## Sent to Share

### Invitational Hymn

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

No. 216

### Benediction

Rev. Steve Louder

### Extinguishing of the Candles

### Postlude

Susan Jones

### Taking Forth the Light

Acolytes

### Recessional

Leaders & Choir

## *Prayer Concerns*

Angela

Mike Gibson

Lecroy Family

Kathie Roby

Mary Williams

David Borders

Randi Gibson

Anne Langford

Ed Shephard

Alex Wilshire

Dee Brock

Kim Gordon

Melissa Lewis

E.G. Sims

Darryl & Jackie

Sue Watts Camp

Beatrice Grant

Rhyann Loos

Scott Sitter

Winfree

Matthew Celusta

Harper Greene

Charlie Marklin

Earleen Smith

Suzie Wolf

Garry Chadwell

Catherine and Andrew

Shirley Marklin

Pastor John Smith

Linda Wyatt

Jace Coakley

Heckel's son

Chris Miracle

Chris Stanfill

Danny Yarbrough

Amanda Cochrane

Ellen Henderson

Nancy Neal

Bettye Tidwell

Emily Yarbrough

Gary Coplen

Andrea Herrera

Russ Parchman

Bob Tidwell

missionaries,

Christine Cummings

Kenny Hill

Janeel Parks

Shawn Tidwell

law enforcement

Glenn Campbell

Frances Hinson

Lainey Persinger

Karen Trana

officials,

Christine Durham

Karen Hodges

Mary Lu Persinger

Gary Wallace

first responders,

Margaret Farmer

Jaime James

Alyce Powers

Lori Waller

our school staff,

Ollie Faircloth

Ray Johnson

Susan Powers

Eileen Weatherford

our youth, all students,

Jake Gambino

Dr. Susan Jones

Garrison Roberson

Jessie Whitfield

our military,

Ethebet Gibson

Ken Kirby

Jimmy Roberts

Eddie Williams

our nation, our world.