

# We Gather to Worship God

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading today, God promises it. In the Gospel, Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins..

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

O God, Thou Faithful God

J. S. Bach

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

**We gather in the presence of God and of one another.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful Father, **we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving all your sins and making of you a new creation. **Amen.**

### \* RESPONSE No. 482

Lord, Have Mercy

Kriewald Kyrie

Repeated phrases are sung first by the leader and then by all.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*All may exchange signs of peace.

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Nicole Brenwald

No. 38

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Gracyn Caroline Ball,  
infant daughter of Madison Ball and Nicole Brenwald

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present Gracyn Caroline Ball for baptism,

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that through your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Gracyn with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and one who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

Gracyn Caroline Ball, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit works within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

### \* BAPTISMAL HYMN No. 2051 (TFWS)

Waterlife

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

OT Pgs. 672-673

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Know My Heart

Benjamin Harlan

### THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

NT Pg. 198

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

It is Well With My Soul

Tom Fettke

### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:1-8

NT Pg. 106

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

*Anointing*

Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.  
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 172

Gordon

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

*Pressing On*

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 399

Messiah

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*O World I Must Leave Thee*

Gerald Near

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 453

More Love to Thee

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Felix Mendelssohn

*Allegro Molto* (from **Sonata VI**)

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

With great devotion, we dedicate the altar flowers to the glory of God  
and the loving memory of our awesome husband and dad,  
Sonny Stilley  
by Bobby Stilley, Frank, Margo and Holly.



**NOTES FOR WORSHIP**

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

Prayer Concerns

**Assisted Living Facilities:** Brookdale: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Comelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault

**At Home:** Catherine Causey, Irby Koon, Ross Edwards, Don and Bonita Smoak, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

**Serving This Sunday, March 13**

**Altar Guild:** Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Kim Wright  
Peggy Turnes  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Caroline Todd, Lila Myers, Erin Todd  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Martin / Delan Stevens  
(Monday) Karlene Rudolph / Nancy Stiltner  
**Trustee Duty:** Randy Wood, Brian Stewart  
**Bus Duty:** Jan Gawith  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Mark Brooks (Chairman), Brad Todd (Co-Chairman)  
William Goldfinch, Tucker Gore, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor,  
Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught.

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, March 13**

9:30 a.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Meet and Greet / FLC  
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

**Monday, March 14**

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC

**Tuesday, March 15**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 214  
2:30 p.m. Ivy Garden Club / FLC  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting / Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, March 16**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Mediations / Sanctuary  
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC  
3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC  
4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC  
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105  
5:30 p.m. **Chili Cook-Off / Fellowship Hall**  
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 205  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study / Rm. 216  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

**Thursday, March 17**

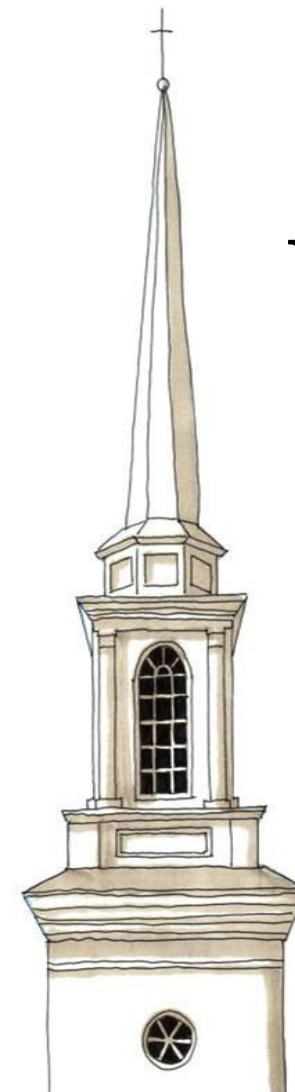
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
12:00 p.m. Last Lenten Luncheon / Trinity UMC

**Friday, March 18**

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

**Saturday, March 19**

9:00 a.m. Scout Pinewood Derby / Fellowship Hall



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Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 13, 2016  
11:00 a.m.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.