

*Hymn #384 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Offering of Life

Offertory "Were You There?" Spiritual, arr. Kidwell

*Doxology (Hymn # 592)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response #587 "Amen"

*Postlude "When God Delivered Israel" Sheaves, Warren

Worship Has Ended - Service Begins
*Those who are able may stand at these times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 18, 2018

Blessings and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day! *If you are visiting with us, we offer a special word of welcome and an invitation to participate in the life of the congregation.* If you are interested in learning more about our ministry, please speak with the pastor after worship. **Copies of The Connection are available in the Narthex and Parlor hallway** for those who do not receive it by email. Please contact the church office to add your email address for correspondence.

Visitors with children: We welcome you to worship and are always glad for your children to be with us! Should you desire, nursery (0 – 17 months) and toddler (18 months – 3 years) rooms are available for our youngest children each Sunday morning on the lower level of our sanctuary building. **Please complete the parental questionnaire and sign-in sheet when you drop off your little one. This information will be on a table in the nursery. We ask that you include your cell phone number in case you may be needed during the church service (please place your phone on vibrate).** Following the Children's Sermon, preschool children (4 to 5 year olds who have not entered kindergarten) are invited to attend Preschool Church in the toddler room of the nursery. Children may be picked up there after worship.

Children's worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Children's worship bags are also available in the narthex. Please return the bags following worship to be used again next week.

Please remember to turn off all electronic devices except for parents with children in the nursery. These parents should make sure their phones are on vibrate.

AUDIO ENHANCEMENTS: Audio devices for the congregation and visitors to use are located in the narthex. If you are in need of one of the devices, please speak to one of our ushers or greeters, and they will gladly assist you.

EASTER LILY FUND: Today is the last day to turn in **memorials and honorariums for the Easter Lily Service Fund.** The funds will be used to support the Jane Morris Service Fund which provides qualified people with assistance in paying their utility bills. **Envelopes are available in the pew racks.** Inserts with the memorials and honorariums will be included in the bulletins next Sunday on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

YOUTH NEWS: This weekend **Emily Harper, Hannah Smoak, Kent Townsend, and Hampton Roper** are attending the Mini Montreat Retreat! They are representing PPC and PYC. The group returns home this afternoon. **There will be NO youth fellowship tonight.**

Next Sunday, March 25th, the youth will sponsor a **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** before and after our morning worship service. Proceeds will be used for our Mission trip in June. Please support the youth by providing baked goods and purchasing delicious items to enjoy during Easter.

Youth fellowship will be held on March 25th from 5:30 until 7:30. Emily Harper will prepare the meal.

There will be **no youth fellowship on Sunday April 1st and Sunday April 8th** due to Spring Break.

We encourage the youth to help with the Children's Easter Egg Hunt and the flowering of the cross on Sunday April 1st. This will occur after the Easter breakfast.

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES: The Community Lenten Luncheon Series sponsored by the Pickens Ministerial Association **will conclude on Tuesday, March 20th at Faith Lutheran Chapel, Minister Carlton Holley from Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church will preach.** The service will begin at noon with lunch to follow.

Please help us in determining how many to expect for the Wonderful Wednesday meal at 5:30pm on March 21st if you have not already signed up for a standing reservation. Also, please check if you would like the vegetarian option for dinner

The _____ family plans to attend the dinner: #of people-_____
I am available to volunteer to help clean up after the meal

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: Our Wonderful Wednesday programs will continue on **March 21st with the dinner line opening at 5:30pm in ASH. Dinner will be a delicious meal from Shortfield's (\$6 per adult, \$4 per child 11 and under).** The menu for this week will be: Salad, Biscuits, Green beans, Mashed potatoes, Fried chicken, and Apple pie for dessert. A Vegetarian option will also be available. **We ask that you sign up using the tear off slip below and place in the offering plate or contact/email the church office by Tuesday at noon.** We want to be good stewards of our resources and also make sure we have enough food for everyone to enjoy. **Classes will be from 6:15-7:00pm. Programs will be offered for all ages. The adults will continue their participation with Nath's Doctoral Project. The Children's Choir will meet during the program time.**

CHURCH WORK DAY: We will have a **workday next Saturday, March 24th, beginning at 8:30** with prayer and coffee. There is plenty to do. Bring your gloves and tools. We will conclude with a sandwich-lunch by noon. **If you have suggestions or have noticed items needing attention, please see the insert and return to David Chamlee or Jo Anne Gessell.**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: We will have a meal on **Maundy Thursday, March 29th at 6:00pm** followed by a service in ASH. There will be a **Good Friday Tenebrae service on March 30th at noon.** Easter Sunday on April 1st will begin with the **Sonrise Service at 9:00am** followed by breakfast.

FOOD PANTRY: In **March, we are asking for canned fruit,** and any other food items to fill the boxes for hungry people who come to the church.

GENERAL FUNDS UPDATE: Offering last Sunday: General Fund: \$4,897.60.

PRAYER REQUESTS: You are encouraged to share prayer concerns on the pink cards in the pew racks.

A list of **CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS** is available in the narthex.

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>March 18, 2018</u>	<u>March 25, 2018</u>
Flowers:	Betsey Chalmers	Vickie Swaynham
Beadle:	Kay Rentz	Aubrey Righetti
Toddler & Preschool Church:	Kay Rentz	Martha Brooks
Refreshments:	Jan and Gary Sparks	Liz Stokes
Pulpit Elder:	Doc Giddings	Marvin Short
Children's Moment:	Kay Rentz	Jo Anne Gessell
Youth Meal:	<i>No Youth Fellowship</i>	Emily Harper
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Townsend	Cindy Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Hendricks
Crisis/Celebration Coordinator:	Carol Marsh	Carol Marsh

Ushers:	Debbie Carmical, Darrell Cook, Liza Holder and Kay Rentz	Debbie Carmical, Darrell Cook, Liza Holder and Carole Thomas
Greeter:	Debbie Carmical	Debbie Carmical

Lectionary readings for today:

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34
 Psalm 51: 1 – 12 or Psalm 119: 9 – 16
 Hebrews 5: 5 – 10
 John 12: 20 – 33

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Liturgy of the Palms
 Mark 11: 1 – 11 or John 12: 12 – 16
 Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 19 – 29

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, March 18	9:30am	Senior High Montreat Mini Retreat
	10:30am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
		Worship
Monday, March 19	11:00am	Centering Prayer
	1:30pm	Ministry for Caregivers
	6:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 20	9:00am	Jane B. Morris Service Fund
	12:00pm	Lenten Lunch Series – Faith Lutheran
	5:00pm	CDV Class – McJunkin Room
	5:45pm	CDC Board Meeting – Session Room
Wednesday, March 21	9:45am	CDC Children's Chapel
	10:30am	Nath's DMin Study Group
	12:00pm	Rotary Club
	5:30pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Program
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 22	10:00am	Book Club
Friday, March 23		<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday, March 24	8:30am	<i>PPC Work Day</i>
Sunday, March 25	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship – Palm Sunday
	4:30pm	Confirmation
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship

Online calendar: <http://73970421.view-events.com>

Concerns and Celebrations: