

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS!

We are so glad you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today! We would love to know that you were with us. Please fill out this slip, detach it, and drop it in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to become a member

I would like to become involved in a ministry or mission

I would like the pastor to call me

MEMBERS

List each person present and update any info

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Austin, Wade & Brenda Church, Margaret Cooper, Brenda Dale, Jim Day, Amy DeSouza, Charles Drum, Hal Emery, Jimmy Epley, Kyson Farley, Ronnie Farley, Craig Freas, Charles Gambill, Terry & Anne Garwood, Cade Gibbs, Jennifer Gibby, Troy Harmon, Sherry Harrold, Kay Hayes, Kimberly Hughes, Francoise Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Mark Johnson, Brenda Kilby, Pam King, Tom Kinlaw, Barbara Kitchen, Aislynn Ladouceur, Bubby McEntire, Janice McHolland, Joe McMillan, **Ricky Moretz**, John Nobles, Glenda Pierce, Adam Randolph, Debbie Reeves, Mary Jane Rich, James Rizoti, Mary Sallie Styers, Gerald Stierwalt, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, Amber Thornton, Donnie Thornton, Bob Taylor, Lee Tedder, Kim Tetzlaff, Cecil Walters, TA. Welborn, Dorothy Wilcox, Edgar Wilcox, Derrick Wilson, Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, Ernie Winslow, Gavin Young, Hispanic neighbors, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, for God to bring Peace, for the hearts our president and our country's leadership to be "strangely warmed" with God's love, those affected by storms our unhoused, **Family of Max Joines, Family of Billie Rowe, Family of Mike Higgins, Family of Randall Woodruff.**

SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES: Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), Cathy Freeman (Harmony at Brookberry Farm/Winston), David Freeman (Rose Glen Village), Wanda Garwood (Rose Glen Village), Barbara Groce (Wilkes Assisted Living), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson) and Rosie Shepard (Rose Glen Manor)

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF

TODAY	Join us for Sunday School at 11am
TUESDAY	Coffee with Karen at Anchor Coffee at 10am.
WEDNESDAY	No Bible Study
FRIDAY	Join the Friday Night Foodies at 5pm today at Cagney's for dinner.

STAFF and LAY SERVANTS

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USHER:	Art Groce and Barton Waddell		
SOUND TECH:	John Mabry		
YOUTH/CHILDREN:	Angila and Donnie Thornton		dthornton7530@gmail.com
KEENAGERS: (>50)	Let us know if God is calling you to lead this vital ministry.		
MEMBER CARE	Jan Taylor		j.kay.tay@gmail.com

GENERAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES

2/24/2026 TITHES & OFFERINGS: \$45,213 EXPENSES: \$44,958

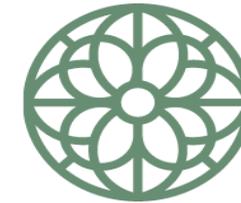


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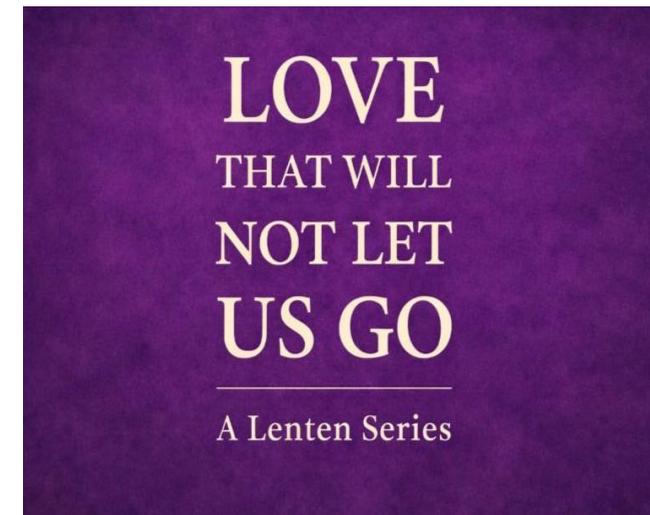
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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERED IN WORSHIP

MARCH 1, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Enter to Worship

March 1, 2026

Kneel to Pray

Second Sunday in Lent

Rise to Serve

10:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 121)

We lift up our eyes to the hills-
where does our help come from?
**Our help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

God will not let you stumble.
The One who watches over you never grows tired.
**The Lord is our protector.
The Lord stands beside us like refreshing shade.**

The sun will not overwhelm you by day,
nor the night unsettle you.
**The Lord guards us from harm.
God holds our very lives.**

The Lord watches over your going out and your coming in
now and always. Amen.

HYMN *How Can We Name A Love* **UMH 111**

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE **John 3:1-17 (NRSV)**

ANTHEM **God So Loved the World** **Stainer**

SERMON **Held In Love – Bold In Curiosity**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our Prayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

INSERT

WORDS OF PARDON

HYMN *Lead Me, Lord* **UHM 473**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UHM 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **UHM 15**

ANTHEM *Loving Savior, Feed Your People* **Governor**

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN *Blessed Assurance* **UHM 369**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION **Loving Savior, Feed Your People (Reprise)**

**Loving Savior, feed your people, fill us, for our hearts are bare;
empty souls are frail and feeble, nourish us with loving fare.
Amen. Amen**

***POSTLUDE**

*****Stand as you are able**

PRAYER CONNECTIONS

*Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you,
whatever you pray and ask for,
believe that you will receive it, and
it will be so for you."
- Mark 11:24 (CEB)*

We believe in the power of prayer.
If you have a prayer concern that
you would like for the church
and/or the pastor to pray with you
about, please let us know by
writing it down on the slip below
and dropping it in the offering
plate.

**Check here to have your prayer
request shared with the church.
Otherwise, it will remain
confidential.**

Use the space below to list any
requests for more information about
events or to provide additional
place this slip in the offering plate.

We are in the process of updating
our church member data base.
Please update your birthday(s) and
anniversary in this space.

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,
you meet us in the night as surely as in the day.
Yet we confess that we have hidden parts of ourselves from you.**

**We have pretended certainty when we were unsure.
We have judged the questions of others.
We have clung to pride instead of seeking understanding.**

**Forgive us for the ways we have missed your heart.
Root us more deeply in your love.
Free us from shame,
and lead us into the light of Christ.**

Amen.

INSERT: John 3:1-17 (NRSV)

1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."

8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?"

13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.