

First Reading- Genesis 12:1-3

The Call of Abram

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

²“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.³

⁸I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”¹⁴

Gospel Reading- John 3:1-17

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.⁴”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit ⁷gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You⁸ must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”⁹

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”¹⁶

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Order of Worship

The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Scott Holden

Prelude - Prepare your hearts to worship God.

The Praise!

*Call to Worship

Scott Holden

I lift up my eyes to the hills- from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.

Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Come, let us worship the one who gives life to all.

We praise and trust in the Lord, our Redeemer!

*Hymn of Praise

“Glory to His Name”

#551

Children’s Time

Sharing of Community Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Ron McDougald

The Offering!

*The Doxology

The Word!

*Prayer of Illumination: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and Your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.**

First Reading

Romans 4: 1-5 & 13-17

Lizzie Lebatard

*Hymn of Preparation

“Seek Ye First”

#341

*Gospel Reading

John 3: 1-17

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

#693

Sermon

“Is That What That Means?”

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Communion Hymn

“I am Coming to the Cross”

#528

Holy Communion, #730

Scott & Kristi Warren, Stewards

The Sending Forth!

*Choral Benediction

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

#405

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prayer List:

Ongoing Concerns:

Sara Poston, Ronnie & Diane Seymour, Billy Robinson, Larry Hall, Woody VanDevender, Phyllis & Clint Gill, Grayson Morse, Donna Wittersheim, Aven & Saylee Bryant, Betty Tootle, Bobby Lenardo, Debbie Harris, David Davidson, Paige & Mark McDougald, Karen & Gene VanWinkle, Mae Gamblin, James Ellis Bertucci, Danielle Weitz, Gaynell Hill, Sara Caldwell, Melissa Odell, Jasper Pryor, Emma & Rickey Sharp, John Russell, Andrew Russell, Rosemary Meador, Nancy Riggins, Katherine O’Brien, Diane Upton, Jerry Evans, Martha Richardson, Carl & Liz Wyatt, Teresa Davis, Bruce Nevels, Billy Sanders, Doris Hand, Holly Heppner, Robbie Fant, Jenni Johnson, Matt Mizelle, Joyce Casillos.

Weekly Prayer Requests:

Ryleigh Yates, Christina Swift, Laurie Gollott, Joann Farmer, Vicki Brock, Cheryl, Jim, Nina Howard, Buck & Hazel Harper, Bonnie McMillan, Wanda Schloman, Jessie, Melissa Davidson, Ricky Davidson, Keira, Wilson, Dan Wittersheim, Kay Bryant, Damon, Kristen Green, Laura & Caroline, Savanna, Terri Hart, Frank Sentelle, Tony Parnell Family, Marsha Chriswell, Tom Cameron, Hal Galloway, Linda Holden, Pauline Ward, Annaleigh Sykes, Kaleigh Morton, Trustees & the building project.

Our Nation: Leaders & Country

Our Military:

Wesley Savage, Brey Richmond, Jacob Ferrer, Hunter LaVann, Elizabeth Willis, Cody Bean, Clayton Demoran, Justin Shoemake, Chris Phifer, Nate Collins, Joseph Jackson, James Bell, Clay LeBatard, Austin Gill, Logan Grandstaff, Luke Self, Morgan Foster, Hank Jamison.

Happening this Week

- Ladies Bible Study Tuesday at 10:30.
- Ladies Come and Go Prayer Wednesday at 9am.
- Adult Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning at 10:30.
- Wednesday Night Together 5pm; dinner 5:15 and Bible Study, Children/ Youth Activities, 6pm.
- Men's Christian Fellowship & Breakfast, Sat. March 7th– 8am.
- Sunday School for adults and children meets every Sunday at 8:15 am and Worship at 9:30am.

Coming Soon!

- Communications Team Meeting, Sunday, March 8th after Worship.
- WMMC meeting March 16th, 10am.
- Sassy Saints Luncheon, March 19th; location TBD.
- VBS Planning Meeting Sunday, March 22nd after Worship.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bruce & Wendy Nevels (2)
John & Sissy Mizelle (4)
Sandy Hulbert (6)
Tommy Pinkerton (6)
Andy & Tammy Kite (7)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mark your attendance in the black fellowship folder at the end of each pew.

Today's Communion Offering will benefit the Home of Grace.

Worship Committee Meeting today immediately following Worship.

New Adult Sunday School Class Interest Meeting today immediately after Worship.

Administrative Council Meeting today at 2pm.

Men's Christian Fellowship & Breakfast next Saturday, March 7th at 8am.

Communications Team Meeting next Sunday, March 8th after Worship.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study— *Profoundly Christian, Distinctly Methodist* this week's questions concerning baptism- #33-34 and 41-42 of the catechism- pages 127-130 in the study guide. Please join us at 10:30a.m.

This Week's Lenten Readings

Trusting God in the Wilderness

Sunday March 1st	John 3:1-17
Monday, March 2nd	Psalm 63
Tuesday, March 3rd	Isaiah 40:1-11
Wednesday, March 4th	Luke 4:1-13
Thursday, March 5th	Hebrews 4:14-16

Teachings of Jesus

Friday, March 6th	Matthew 5:1-12
Saturday, March 7th	Matthew 5:38-48

Lectionary Readings for March 8th

Exodus 17:1-7
John 4:5-42

Romans 5:1-11
Psalm 95

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Second Sunday of Lent



Welcome!

**Our Purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ;
Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly,
Witness Boldly!**

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