

The Worship of God

March 11, 2018 – *Daylight Savings Time Begins - Blanket Sunday*

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity
Prelude *Processional on “Lift High the Cross”* Busarow

As the prelude begins, let us prepare silently for worship.

Ritual of Friendship (Please pass the Fellowship Pad)
Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Worship (from Psalm 107 and Numbers 21)

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

All: Slow to anger and abounding in love.

One: The Lord of life is lifted up!

All: Let us look to him and live.

+ Introit *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries* Chancel Choir

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #792 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (From *Call to Worship* - Year B)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We grumble and complain when you have provided all we need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so that we may not perish but may have eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Pardon

**The Gloria Patri* Hymn #581

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and *Food Pantry Collection* and **Blanket Offering**
Offertory *God So Loved the World* Stainer

+ Janie King duet with Randy Warner

**The Doxology* Hymn #223 – last verse of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Prayer of Dedication

Copies of the weekly 11:00 Worship Service are available on CD in the Narthex as a courtesy to Members, Visitors, and those unable to attend

The Word

+Conversation with the Children Margaret Causey
Old Testament Reading Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm Reading Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
+Anthem *Song of Surrender* (Lantz III) Chancel Choir
Gospel Reading John 3:14-21
Sermon **“The Wilderness Journey Continues”** Rev. John Causey

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith Page 37 of Hymnal
Sections 1, 4, 5 and 6.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #826 *Lift High the Cross*
*Charge and Benediction
+Choral Response *May the Grace of Christ Our Savior* Chancel Choir
Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand
+ 11:00 Worship Service only

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	3/11	8:30am	Early Worship – <i>Blanket Sunday – Food Pantry Collection</i>
		9:45am	Sunday School Confirmation Class in Conference Room
		11:00am	Worship – <i>Blanket Sunday – Food Pantry Collection</i>
Mon	3/12	5:45pm	Finance & Stewardship Meeting
Tues	3/13	7:00pm	Faith Circle at the home of Nancy Bain
Wed	3/14	8:30am	Property & Grounds Meeting
		10:00am	Circle #1
		12:00pm	Lenten Lunch @ Calvary Baptist Church
		1:30pm	Joyce Skeen Circle
Thurs	3/15	6:00pm	Handbells
		7:00pm	Chancel Choir
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Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. – 34; 11:00a.m. – 114

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this service of Worship. Our prayer is that all will be blessed as we worship together. Visitors, please fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter as you leave worship. Thank you.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by **Wray & Janie King** to the **Glory of God** in loving memory of **loved ones**.

Got financial worries? A free preview for "Financial Peace University" will be held at **Seaside UMC** on **Monday, March 19** at **6:30**. More information is available from Ken Clugston at "kreclugston@atmc.net"

Thanks to everyone who helped house and feed the **Virginia Glee Club** for Tuesday night's wonderful concert!

REMINDER ☺ The **2018 Flower Calendar** is here! **Available dates: May 27; June 17; Aug 5, 12; Sept 9, 30; Oct 14; Nov 4 and Dec 2..** Thanks!

Please pick up a copy of this year's Lenten Devotional written by members of area churches. They are on the bench in the Narthex. Also on the same bench you will find a tent card from Bread for the World to help with your Lenten Devotions.

Prayer Concerns: Bob Benjamin, Vicki Blount, Crystal Braxton, Lois Chadwick, Kat Cheves, Betty Church, Pat Dobbins, Marian Downer, Marie Greene, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Carolyn Jenkins, Bill Kelly, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Ann Long, Jerry McCann, Martha Miller, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Charlie Odum, Mary Sanderford, Gene Shannon, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon and Bob Williams.



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Rev. John Causey, Minister causeyoib@atmc.net

Barry Auman, Director of Music

Randy Warner, Organist/Pianist

Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder

Dr. Les & Dr. Christy Morgan, Missionaries in Bangladesh

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