

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dayton Wilson

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.

*Hymn 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Prichard

*Call to Confession Rev. Dayton Wilson

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Dayton Wilson

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. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri Unison

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; Amen.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Rev. Dayton Wilson

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with Young Disciples EPC Young Disciples
(Preschool - 2nd grade go to children's church)

* Hymn 418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" Thompson

**Stand if you are able*

Prayer of Illumination Rev. Dayton Wilson
Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your Word and illumine our darkened world, that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Readings Numbers 21:4-9 Rev. Dayton Wilson
John 3:14-21

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dayton Wilson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed Unison

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Dayton Wilson

Offertory

* Doxology Unison

* Prayer of Dedication Rev. Dayton Wilson

Prayers of the People Rev. Dayton Wilson

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEPART TO SERVE

* Hymn 634 "To God Be the Glory" Doane

* Charge & Benediction Rev. Dayton Wilson

*Congregational Response Unison

May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, and joy in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever.

* Postlude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

**Stand if you are able*

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Birthdays this week...

3/12: Hannah Cole **3/13:** Scott Fisher, Jan Potter **3/16:** Karen Gentry

Nursery Volunteers

3/10: Lillian & Julianne DeVane
3/17: Doll Priest

Children's Church

3/10: Mary Hill
3/17: Hawey Hunt

Acolyte Schedule

3/10: Anne-Carlyle Brown
3/17: Cates Sutton

ANNOUNCEMENTS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE

Clark-McClure Scholarship Applications are available on the table outside the church office.

3/13: Community Lenten Service at noon at First Baptist, Rev. Corey Lyons

3/13: Wednesday Night Together: Adult Bible Study at 5:00 pm.; Children's Bible Study/Choir Practice at 5:15 pm - Ages 3-6th grade; Meal at 5:45 pm and Every Nation Education at 6:30 pm and Adult Choir Practice at 7 pm

3/24: Palm Sunday; Easter Cantata at 11 am and 7:30 pm, Children's Choir will sing.

3/27: Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 5 pm. Pizza dinner to follow.

3/28: Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm

3/29: Good Friday Service at noon

3/31: Easter Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Communion

Prayer Concerns

MEMBERS

Nell Barnhill
Bobby Guyton
Ronnie & Gail Hutchinson
Ava Duncan
Merle Graham
Ritchie Priest
Karen Campbell
Rose Murray
Denise Cross
Casey DeVane
Powell Cross

NON-MEMBERS

Wendy Bowen
Murray Bordeaux
June Marie Jessup Smith
Margret Young
Jacob Boyd
Hubert Robbins
Barbara Moore Turner
Johnny Prevette
Carolyn Sanderford (Trey Duncan's grandmother)
David Lennon (Kaye Dennis' nephew)
Terry Lee (Jennifer Campbell's father)
Matthew Krause (son of Jan Krause)
Kris Johnson (Michelle Wilson's brother)
Johnny Roberson (Hank Roberson's father)

Allen Barnhill
Joy Grady
Phillip Greene
Shirley Hough
Jozee Strickland
Baylee Harmon
John Shaw
Rodney Hester
The Family of Ray Beasley

ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN SESSION

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ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am

"We are a community of faith, seeking to know Christ and make Him known in all we say and do."

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY - March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering Around the Word

United in ministry by the power of God's Holy Spirit, we welcome you to worship! May the Spirit of God be felt in our shared experience and by being together as people of God united by His eternal love for us.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am- 3:00 pm & Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm

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