

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dayton Wilson

Call to Worship

We are here with a vision of what can be as God calls us to worship.

We have journeyed this far, and we pause in gratitude.

Our endurance builds a spirit of understanding and, even in our weariness, joyful praise.

Hear our thanks as our hearts dance and voices sing.

*Hymn 223 "When I Survey the Wonderful Cross" Mason

*Call to Confession Rev. Dayton Wilson

Despite all that God has taught us, we still act foolishly; we are still weak. In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace. We confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength rather than our own.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

How fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshipping anyone or anything except you. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Dayton Wilson

* 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

2-Cents-A-Meal Offering EPC Young Disciples

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

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

Sacrament of Baptism

**Stand if you are able*

Prayer of Illumination Rev. Dayton Wilson

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may repent and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled and the kingdom has come near; in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Readings Exodus 20:1-17 Rev. Dayton Wilson
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

Sermon 'Living Fools" 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 826 "Lift High the Cross" Proulx

* 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 in honor of Lula Mac Bullard on her Baptism Day! With love from Gammy and Gampy"

Birthdays this week...

3/3: Margaret Clark **3/5:** Tori Martin, Addison Hunt, Sybil Hunt **3/6:** Grace McDuffie **3/8:** Miriam DeVane, Hank Roberson **3/9:** Walter McDuffie, Walton Fisher

Nursery Volunteers

3/3: Lisa DeVane
3/10: Lillian & Julianne DeVane

Children's Church

3/3: Savannah Ivey
3/10: Mary Hill

Acolyte Schedule

3/3: Parker Hunt
3/10: Anne-Carlyle Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE

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

- 3/5:** Presbyterian Women's Circle at 6 pm in the Ladies' Parlor
- 3/6:** Community Lenten Service at noon at Trinity Methodist Church, Rev. Matt Thorley
- 3/6:** Wednesday Night Together: Adult Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.; Children's Bible Study/Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m. - Ages 3-6th grade; Meal at 5:45 p.m. and Baskets for the shut-ins at 6:30 p.m. and Adult Choir Practice at 7 p.m.
- 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 5pm. Pizza dinner will follow. /

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

Class of 2024

Joy Brice 910-874-4916
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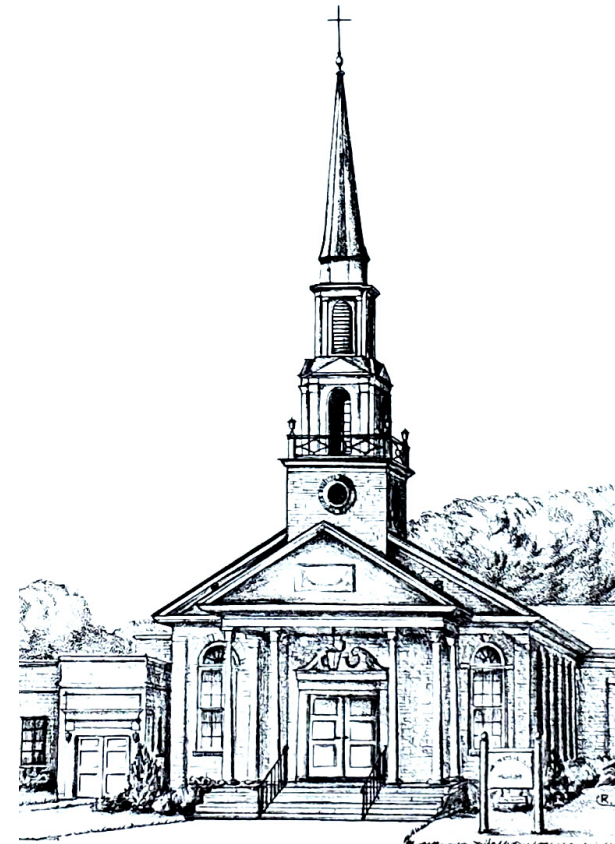
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ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 3, 2024

Third 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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