

## Persons Helping Us Experience Worship Today:

Greeters: Paul and Dana Ethridge

Scripture Reader: Renee Young

Ushers: Steve Gorrell, Al O'Connell, Renee Young

Communion Celebrants: Jim and Lisa Presson

Praise Team: Hannah Sullivan, Rose Spradley, Vic Spradley, Heather Roberts, Lisa Clary, Jason Gordon, Mark Hollar, Rachel Gorrell, Bruce Buck

Pianist: Rowena Rantanen

AV Team: Bruce Buck, Mike Sullivan, Laura Rantanen, Bobbie Fox, Mason St. John

Pastor: Rev. Angela Hollar

## Circle of Prayer:

Judy Smith, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Melissa Webb, Karen Broderick, Sister Margaret & niece Indra, Rev. Jay Minnick, Charlie Cortez, Jim Polk, Jeannie and Rev. David Raiford, Mark and Jennifer Graves, Sally Friedlander, Julie Kemp

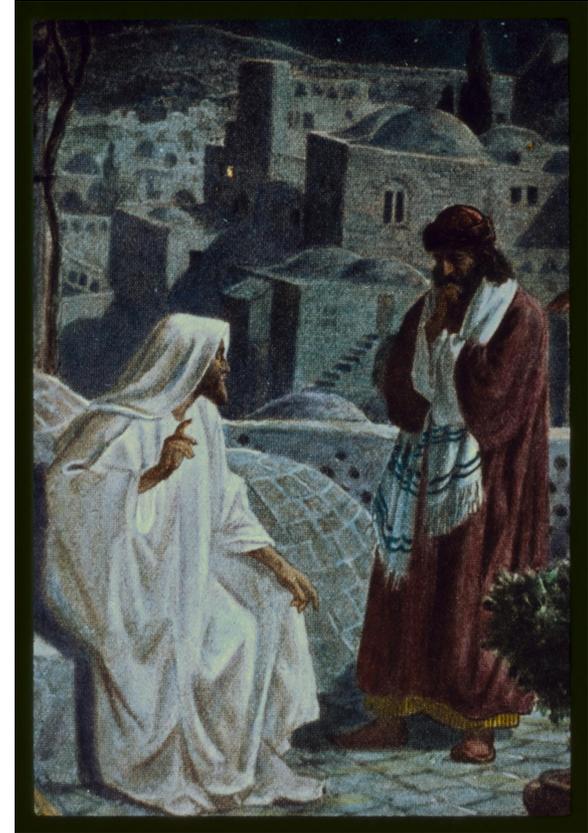
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## Calendar of Events

Monday, March 6th	7:00 PM	United Women in Faith
Wednesday, March 8th	6:30 PM	Lenten Bible Study 2023 (Adult Sunday School Room)
Friday, March 10th	6:30 PM	Friday Fun Night



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*“John 3:1-5. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, cometh to Jesus by night to be further informed concerning His doctrine”*

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## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Admin Assistant: Laura Rantanen

## Church at Six Forks

A United Methodist Congregation

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**Church at Six Forks**  
Sunday, March 5th, 2023 - 10:00 AM  
Second Sunday in Lent

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**Entrance and Praise**

Prelude *May this be a time for quiet reflection and meditation.*  
"The God of Abraham Praise"  
"John 3:16"

Welcome and Greeting Rev. Angela Hollar

Call to Worship "Holy Ground" TFWS #2272

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

\*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" UMH#881

\*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" UMH #70

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

**Proclamation and Response**

First Lesson Genesis 12:1-4a Renee Young

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

Preparation for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Angela Hollar

\*Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17

This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "Giving Up Expectations" Rev. Hollar

Holy Communion *Insert*  
"Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH #618

**Thanksgiving**

Offering of Our Gifts  
Offertory Prayer  
Offertory "For God So Loved the World"

\*Doxology UMH #94

**Sending Forth**

\*Closing Hymn "Freely, Freely" UMH #389  
(During the closing hymn, the altar of our church is open for a time of personal prayer and reflection.)

\*Sending Forth Rev. Angela Hollar

\*Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude "Father Abraham"

\*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

*Please take your bulletin with you as you leave.  
Recycle it both literally and spiritually.*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Giving the Bread and Cup*

*Congregational Prayer after all have received communion:*

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**Sunday, March 5, 2023  
The Great Thanksgiving for Early in Lent**

*Invitation*

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Confession and Pardon*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners: that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you

lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**