

The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

11:00 am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE *Gary Havens*
(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Amanda Avery*

INTROIT #811 "Make Your Face to Shine"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 78*

L: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**P: I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

L: Things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

**P: We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation**

**ALL: The glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.**

***HYMN #618** "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High"

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from "Hold Fast to What is Good")*

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

- Silent Confession -

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased.
You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and
loved. You are a new creation in Christ. Everything old
has passed away; see, everything is becoming new.
Go and share the good news of God's love. Amen.

P: Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA #581** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness..."

***RECONCILIATION WITH ONE ANOTHER**

L: Let us greet each other here and on Zoom with the words
"May the peace of Christ be with you!"

P: And also with you!

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-15

THE SECOND READING

Luke 24:28-31

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Murmurs and Manna"

Karen Edwards

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

P: the world, and those who live in it.

L: Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts
of the earth.

The Anthem #836 "Abide with Me"

The Doxology #606

Old Hundredth

The Dedication

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

***HYMN #819**

"Be Still, My Soul"

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Gary Havens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME KAREN EDWARDS to our pulpit today!

IN THE PULPIT MARCH 2023

- ◆ **Sunday, March 5:** Melissa Harmon
- ◆ **Sunday, March 12:** Elder Mark Wilson
- ◆ **Sunday, March 19:** Rev. Janet Onnie
- ◆ **Sunday, March 26:** Karen Edwards

WONDERING IF YOU CAN DO ANYTHING TO HELP THE CHURCH RIGHT NOW?

Communion Training for Ruling Elders

On **Saturday, April 29**, Shenandoah Presbytery will host a Training for Ruling Elders to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Every Session is invited to endorse one or two Ruling Elders to receive this training (**they do not need to be currently serving**) but is especially for those congregations without pastoral leadership.

For further info, please see the article in the March newsletter.

UPDATES FROM SESSION

- ◆ The Admin Committee is hard at work on the Stewardship Campaign. We thank everyone who has already pledged.
- ◆ The Interim Minister Search Committee is hard at work interviewing candidates.
- ◆ Worship Committee continues to work to provide pulpit supply.
- ◆ Property Committee has arranged repairs to be made to some of the kitchen equipment.
- ◆ Congregational Care is providing coffee and cookies for socializing after the church service.

Elders

Class of 2023

Amanda Avery, Worship
Chuck Lendermon, Missions & Outreach
Ron Lowman, Jr., Property

Class of 2024

Sam Clem, Administration/Discipleship
Mary Meade, Worship
Barbara Richardson, Congregational Life

Class of 2025

Stephany Morgan, Missions & Outreach
Bret Ritchie, Administration
Hugh Sproul, Administration
Paige Kullman, Clerk

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Mona Tate, Nursery Attendant
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