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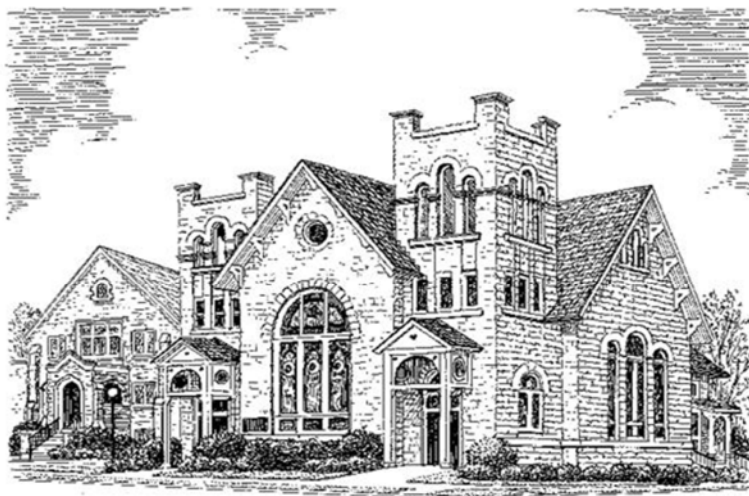


First United Methodist Church

West Point, Georgia

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025



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Invite. Grow. Serve.

The Worship of God

Prelude	<i>"There Is a Fountain"</i> Gail Douglas	arr. Cindy Berry
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Mychal Ellis
Choral Call to Worship	<i>"Introit"</i> <i>Text adapted from an inscription in the foyer of Christ Church, St. Simons Island, GA</i> Chancel Choir	Phillip Landgrave
*Call to Worship		Rev. Ellis
	<p>We are pulled in many directions daily. Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives. This day, in this place, let worship of God be your choice. This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God. Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here. Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. AMEN.</p>	
*Hymn	<i>"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"</i>	UMH #154
Prayer Praises & Concerns		Rev. Ellis
Choral Call to Prayer	<i>"Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"</i> Chancel Choir	Perry/Irons
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Ellis
	<p>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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</p>	
*Hymn	<i>"Take My Life and Let It Be"</i>	UMH #399
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Ed Archer
Offertory	<i>"Lead Me to Calvary"</i> Gail Douglas	Kirkpatrick/Sprunger
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings		

*Doxology **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Passing of the Peace

As the children come forward, you are invited to take a few moments to greet those near you.

Children's Moment

Rev. Ellis

Children are invited to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.

Anthem

"Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord?" Phillip Doddridge/Craig Curry
Chancel Choir
Terry Fagan, Soloist

Do not I love Thee, O my Lord? Behold my heart and see,
and turn each cursed idol out, that dares to rival Thee.

Do not I love Thee from my soul? Then let me nothing love.
Dead be my heart to ev'ry joy, when Jesus cannot move.

Within the darkness of this heart, other gods would vie for my affections.
But Thou art exalted, Thou art exalted, far above all Gods.
Let nothing keep me from Thy love.

Thou know'st I love Thee, dearest Lord, but, O, I long to soar
far from the sphere of mortal joys, and learn to love Thee more. Amen

*Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Rev. Archer

Sermon

"Priorities as They Are in Heaven"

Rev. Archer

*Hymn

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

FWS #2128

*Benediction

Rev. Archer

*Choral Benediction

"Amen"
Chancel Choir

Charles Yannerella

*Postlude

"O Thou in Whose Presence"
Gail Douglas

Lewis/Ham

****Please stand as you are able.***

UMH—United Methodist Hymnal FWS—Faith We Sing Hymnal

Welcome to West Point First United Methodist Church

We greet you this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you require assistance in some way, please see an usher. A nursery for children ages 3 and under is available on the lower level. Should you have questions concerning baptism, church membership, or your spiritual journey, please reach out to either Pastor Ed or Pastor Mychal. May you experience and know the peace and love of God always!

The Follow Me Lenten Banner in the sanctuary this morning was given to the glory of God and in honor of the November 2006 wedding of Ellen and Marshall Sapp by their friends.

Prayer Concerns:

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett, Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart, Elmo Emily, Joe Guntherberg, Robert Gordon, Ron Hamilton, Al and Jackie Hammer, George and Diane Hester, Jacob Grubbs, Andy Mabrey, Sam and Barbara Payne, Lakin Rayfield, Margaret Rollison, Jim Rouuie, Barbara Ruddick, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Elizabeth Stokes, Nelle Sturdivant, Tracy Vaughn,
World Conflicts, Our Country, Unspoken Requests

This Week at WPFUMC

Sunday, March 16

12:15: Handbells
3:30 pm: Lenten Study

Monday, March 17

12:45 pm: Handbells
4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, March 18

9:45 am: Staff Meeting
1:00 pm: Food Closet
6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, March 19

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids & JC Crew
6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

*Chicken/Wild Rice Casserole,
Manager's Choice Veggie,
Salad Bar, Rolls, Dessert*

7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 20

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, March 21

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Lenten Study: Sundays at 3:30 pm

Join Pastor Ed on Sunday afternoons during the Lenten season to look at some key values of God's Kingdom through the teachings of Jesus. No materials required as handouts will be provided. Location: New Beginnings Classroom

The Universal Christ Study: Tuesday, March 18, 12:00 pm

You are invited to a book study in the New Beginnings classroom. See Helen or call the church office to sign up. The book is available on Amazon.



When there is a Fifth Sunday in the month (4 per year) we're going to participate in noisy Sunday. On these Sundays, we're going to invite the congregation to bring all of their loose change for the offering and allow the kids to go around and collect it making ALL the noise they want! All the change collected will go towards a special offering. This month, it will go towards the North Georgia Housing and Homeless Council, so be sure to be here and bring your loose change!

LENTEN DEVOTIONS - WEEK 2

March 16, 2025

__ MONDAY – **Amos 8:1-12**

Amos was one of God's prophets who shared an illustration that consists of a basket and ripe fruit. God's people were ripe for punishment since they were not following God's ways. Are your priorities focused on sharing God with others or the many distractions of life?

__ TUESDAY – **Psalms 52:1-9**

In this Psalm, we are told there are two different types of people: those who love evil and those who love good (or God). Which type are you? If you love good, how have you focused yourself on humbling and putting your life at the feet of Jesus?

__ WEDNESDAY – **Colossians 1:15-28**

Please note especially verses 15-23. Through the power of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, we are able to see that we were the ones who NEEDED God all along. Who are we in light of what Christ has done for us?

__ THURSDAY – **Acts 22:1-15**

Paul stood before a crowd who saw him as unworthy and spoke of who, and whose, he was. They fell silent and began to listen. When you speak to others about Christ, do people stop what they are doing to listen? What would you do if called to speak to a group of people that couldn't stand you? Could you put all aside, focus on Jesus, and allow the Spirit to empower you to share your story with God?

__ FRIDAY – **Luke 10:38-42**

There are times we have many tasks to do like Martha but there are also times when we need to be still, present, and humble at Jesus' feet. Perhaps sometimes Jesus desires us and our worship more than our busy, bustling service. Consider today how you can step away from life's distractions and make time for Jesus by just being present with him, seeing beyond this earthly life into eternal life.