

Scripture Reading	John 9:13-17	Rev. Mays
Sermon	“Soul Care: Redefined”	Rev. Mays
*Hymn	“Open My Eyes, That I May See”	UMH #454
*Benediction		Rev. Mays
*Choral Benediction	“O How He Loves You and Me” Chancel Choir	Kurt Kaiser
*Postlude	“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Gail Douglas	Conkey/Sanborn

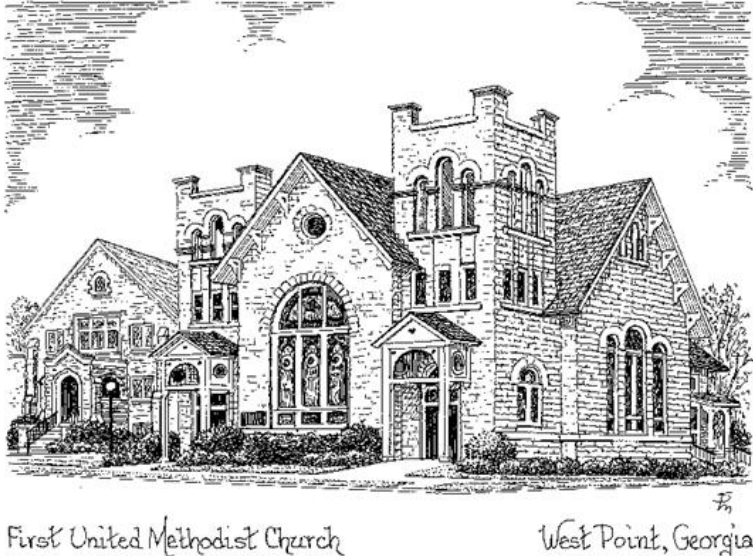
*\*Please stand as you are able.*  
 UMH–United Methodist Hymnal

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 19, 2023**



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*Invite. Grow. Serve.*

The Worship of God  
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Welcome and AnnouncementsRev. Erik A. Mays

Chiming of the HourGail Douglas

Prelude“Jesus Paid It All”  
Gail DouglasGrape/Drennan

Lighting of the CandlesAvery Mays

Choral Call to Worship“The Lord Is in His Holy Temple”  
Walter Price

Call to WorshipRev. Mays  
Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.  
**We are learning to follow Jesus.**  
On this Lenten journey, where do we find God’s presence among us?  
**One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**  
On this Lenten journey, how does God’s presence work among us?  
**One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.**  
On this Lenten journey, what does God’s presence do in our midst?  
**One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**  
Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!  
**We come to worship God as we care for our souls.**

Opening PrayerRev. Mays

\*Hymn“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”  
UMH #152

\*Affirmation of FaithThe Apostles’ Creed  
UMH #881  
**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*Gloria Patri  
**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, amen.**

Children’s MomentRev. Mays

Offertory PrayerRev. Mays

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory“In the Garden”  
Gail DouglasMiles/Berry

\*Doxology  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Hymn“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”  
UMH #581

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer“Stay with Me”  
Jaques Berthier

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s PrayerRev. Mays  
**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.**

Anthem“How Amazing”  
Chancel ChoirMichael Sharp

God’s amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved someone like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found, my blinded eyes now see.  
Refrain

How amazing is Your love for me. How amazing, oh, what mystery  
that Your perfect love reached a sinner like me.  
How amazing Your love, how amazing Your mercy, how amazing Your grace is to me!

It was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
Oh, how precious was Your grace to me the moment I believed. R

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come,  
Your grace has brought me safely here and it will surely lead me home!

when we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

How amazing Your love, how amazing Your mercy, how amazing Your grace is to me!



**Lenten Sermon Series**  
**Soul Care: Lenten Renewal for the Soul**  
 February 26 - April 2



**Pastor's Lenten Lunch, Learn, and Laughter**  
**(PL4)**  
 Each Wednesday in Lent During March  
 11:30–12:30 pm - Banquet Room



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 Needed Monthly Budget: \$53,903  
 Received Budget Year-to-Date: \$184,946\*  
 Budgeted Expenses Year-to-Date: \$107,221  
 Missional/Designated Income: \$13,609

*\*Includes advanced annual giving.*  
 Thank you for your continued stewardship!



Click here for the March issue  
of the monthly Pointer. Hard  
copies are available at the exits.



We will be ordering Easter lilies to be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter morning. If you would like one in honor or memory of someone, please contact the church office. The cost is \$20 per lily. This year, we would like the opportunity to share these lilies as a ministry of the church. So unless otherwise requested, all lilies will be delivered to shut-ins after Easter Sunday. Deadline to order is **Sunday, April 2.**



Once again we are looking forward to hosting the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week—Sunday, April 2 (12-7 pm) and Monday, April 3—Friday, April 7 (11 am-7 pm). We need volunteers to help set up on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1. Please call the church office or let pastor Erik know if you would like to volunteer. We will also need volunteers to be present while the stations are open. Please be on the look out soon to sign up for a shift. A sign up sheet is available in the elevator lobby.



**Easter Eggstravaganza**  
**Saturday, April 8, 11 am-1 pm**  
**At the Glovers' home**

Join us for a time of wonderful egg hunting, games, food, and fellowship. *All ages are invited!*

**Please note: This is a time and location change of our previously scheduled event on April 1.**

We need YOUR help filling eggs with candy or prizes. Empty eggs are located in the elevator lobby in bags of 20. Please return them to the church by April 1.



**Interfaith**  
**Food Closet**

Open: Tuesdays 1-2 pm

To volunteer, please see  
Wiby Gladden.

Thank you to our volunteers!

## Welcome to West Point First United Methodist Church

Whether this is your first time with us or not, we greet you this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If this is your first time, we are especially glad that you're with us and pray you experience the peace and love of God through worship today. As a first time guest, please come to the side door nearest Ave C following the service so we can give you a gift to say "thank you" for coming. If you need assistance for anything, please see an usher. A Nursery for children ages 3 and under is available on the lower level.

*The Lenten Banner displayed 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:

Shannon Doughtie, Steven and Elaine Wright, Keith Futral, Charles (Steve) Phillips,  
The people of Turkey and Syria, Communities impacted by violence,  
Hamp Ferguson, Jackie Kennedy and Family, Chuck Spivey, Graham Finlay,  
Al and Jackie Hammer, Jim Frank, Sharon Cowart,  
Larry Prestridge, Linda James, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Gerry Lanier,  
Alice Ward, Bentley Bryant, Sarah Auler, Cody Martin, Margaret Bartlett,  
Lakin Rayfield, Jacob Grubbs

### New Prayer Concerns:

Jim Preece

## This Week at WPFUMC

### Sunday, March 19

..... 9:00 am: Patchwork Worship  
..... 9:45 am: Sunday School  
..... 11:00 am: Morning Worship

### Monday, March 20

..... 10:00 am: Staff Meeting  
..... 5:30 pm: Bible Study

### Tuesday, March 21

..... 12:00 pm: Lunch-In  
..... 1:00 pm: Food Closet  
..... 6:00 pm: AA

### Wednesday, March 22

..... 11:30 am: PL4  
..... 4:15 pm: Griefshare  
..... 5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids  
..... 6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

*Beef Stroganoff, Manager's Choice Vegetable, Rolls, Salad Bar, Dessert*

..... 7:00 pm: Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, March 23**

..... 12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

### Friday, March 24

..... 6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast