

METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

March 11, 2018

8:30AM & 10:30AM

Lent IV—Purple

Liturgists: Joyce Tegtmeyer (8:30AM);

Brenda Kimble (10:30AM)

✕ Please Stand As You Are Able

❖ 10:30AM Service Only

“Paul: God’s Will and My Worldview”

A Series of Worship Services for the Season of Lent

III. GOD’S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities Please View the Screens

Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence

Greeting & Opening Prayer

Prelude “Shepherd, Show Me How To Go” Peter Stearns
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome

✕ “Feet and Greet” (Let’s get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.)

❖✕ Gathering Song “Mighty To Save” W. & S. No. 3038
(v. 1 soloist only; congregation sings only the “Refrain”)

✕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. **God’s steadfast love endures forever.** Let those redeemed by the Lord say: **God’s steadfast love endures forever.** When we cried out to God in our distress, **God saved us in our hour of need.** Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

✕ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 185

“When Morning Gilds the Sky” (all 3 vv.)

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES See Insert

A Litany For the Fourth Week of Lent

Cross Marked: Forsaken

“My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?” Psalm 22:1

❖ ANTHEM “Come Unto Me and Wait” Fromback & Hayes
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

II. GOD’S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Ruth Boyd

As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163

“Walking in the Light of God” (first page only) [see screens]

As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163

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EPISTLE LESSON Acts 7:54-58, 8:1-3

❖✕ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3105

“In Christ Alone” (all vv.)

✕ THE GOSPEL LESSON Acts 9 (selected verses)

“Behold, the wisdom of God’s Word!”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✕ GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

THE HOMILY “The Trial of Ananias” Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 See Lectionary Insert

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER . . . Each petition ends with the following response:

O Christ, who came to save the world,

let us see the world through Your eyes.

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD U.M.H. No. 895

❖ “The Lord’s Prayer” (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

III. GOD’S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Special Offering Today for “UMCOR Sunday” (see insert)

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY “Arioso” J. S. Bach

Marti Bessinger, organ

✕ DOXOLOGY U.M.H. No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✕ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS

Together, let us pray . . . **God of light and love, shine through our offerings this day. May they bring light to the darkness and help lead others from death into life. Transform these gifts into Your glory, that they may reflect the joy of Your saving grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

✕ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✕

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **Hear our prayers!**

All those living with cancer—Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Linda Stengl (& spouse Gerald), John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Craig Dobrinski, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, John Fleming, Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Bobby Cornelson, Betty Osmus (stroke recovery), Kristi Lamle, 34 y/o son of Terry Turner, Michael Chase (Lisa Clay’s bro.), Troy Lee, Roy Ford, Hanson Sisson (Bob’s bro.), Gloria Loken.

Joys & Concerns—Family of Jana Lou Scott; Family of Curtis Adkins; Family of Dwight Gaston; safe travels for all those traveling during Spring Break; Rose Ratcliffe; our next appointed pastor, Rev. Margo Vestal; the Brack Family; all those suffering with the flu & related illnesses; LaVerna Reid; Cherie Payne (Brookdale); continued healing for Bryan Baxter’s arm; Joyce Hamburger; all state & world leaders/God’s wisdom; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard W’CORN #301; All care-givers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (parents of Kim Blanton); Jon Blanton & family (son of David & Kim Blanton); Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bray Jarvis; Kirk Milligan; Kamdyn Taunton; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger (staying at Ft. Leavenworth for heart rehab); Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 364

"Because He Lives" (all 3vv.)

❖ RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP U.M.H. No. 39
Nicolas Jean Townsend (from Associate Membership to Full Professing)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Leave the shadows of your life behind and go forth into the glorious light of God. **We will walk in the light of Christ.** Leave your brokenness of disobedience behind and rest in God's compassion and grace. **We will abide in Christ's tender mercies.** Go with the blessings of Almighty God.

Amen? **AMEN!**

❖❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL T.F.W.S. No. 2160

"Into My Heart" (both vv.)

**Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay;
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
Shine out today, shine out always;
Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.**

POSTLUDE "Recessional" Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Marti Bessinger, organ

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For -
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de -
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the power, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.



A man had two sons.
And he went to the first and said,
"Son, go and work in
the vineyard today."

MATTHEW 21:28

TODAY, MARCH 11th . . .

. Order envelopes for your Easter lilies are located at a display table in the Narthex. Plants are \$10 each. We have 56 plants for sale this year. Please use one envelope per plant purchased. Four dollars from each plant sale will go toward our Lenten offering (which goes to the W'ford Food & Resource Center).

. "Friends of Children Banquet" fundraiser for the Circle of Care will be Friday, April 20th, 6-8PM at the OKC Cowboy Hall of Fame. We are trying to raise \$600 so we can donate a table of 8. Donations received at the table display in the Narthex; sign-up at the same table if you would like a seat at the banquet. Individual tickets are \$85.

. 4:00PM—Lenten Bible study lesson #5, meets in the Neonate Classroom area.

Coming Up . . .

Wednesday, Mar. 14th . . .
5:15PM to 6:00PM—Mid-Month Methodist Meal (Pot Luck) in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Mar. 17th . . .
2:00-4:00PM—90th birthday celebration for Isabel Barnes, Pioneer Center, no gifts please.

Next Sunday, Mar. 18th . . .
6:00PM—Wedding in our Sanctuary for Miranda Deane Ramey & William Alexander (Alex) Pasieczny
4:00PM—Lenten Bible study lesson #6 in the Neonate Classroom area

For your Lenten journey:

--Each household is invited to get a Lenten Special Offering Folder—dollar-a-day for 40 days.

--Get your Lenten devotional booklet today.

, Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to serve as a Liturgist in either service, or as a Holy Communion Server in the 10:30AM service.