

ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME The Rev. Glenn Patterson, M.F.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRELUDE Lisa Withers, D.M.A.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

* HYMN UMH 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: Creator and Deliverer of all people, we confess:

**We confess that you have breathed into us life. Forgive us that
we have failed to live for you.**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. [SILENCE]

We confess:

We confess that you have come as Christ to cleanse us from evil.

**Forgive us that we have too often chosen to become the evil which
we hate and denied the Christ whom we love.**

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. [SILENCE]

We confess:

**We confess that you have empowered us by the Spirit to be your
church. Forgive us that we have neglected our calling and
forgotten to be faithful.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** [SILENCE]

Blessed God, Mighty to save:

**Forgive us through the grace of Jesus Christ, our crucified and
risen Savior.**

Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" Rentz

* DOXOLOGY NO. 95

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN "Where Children Belong"

*This, this is where Children belong, welcomed as part of the
worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup,
prayer and song: this is where Children belong.*

CHILDREN'S TIME Brittani Clayman

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15-17

Pew Bible p. 2-3

*Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible p. 1172

* HYMN TFWS 2105 "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

SERMON "Jesus' Temptation"

The Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 13

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN UMH 355 "Depth of Mercy"

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able

"UMH" —United Methodist Hymnal

"TFWS" —The Faith We Sing

Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all.

If you wish to receive Communion in your seat, please tell an usher.

If you prefer a gluten-free option, it is available on the right side.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

March 1

Greeters: Tom and Liz Bowen

Ushers: Team D

Acolytes: Ben Nichols and Max Bodenhorst

Offering Stewards: Frank and Carol Sims

No Children's Church

March 8

Greeters: Josh and Leslie Cumbow

Ushers: Team A

Acolytes: Hayden Cumbow and Porter Blackwell

Offering Stewards: Roger and Ellen Reynolds

Flowers: Needed

Children's Church: Brittani Clayman

The Communion offering for March

will be Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

The Communion food in March is Canned Fruit.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min., Pastor

Rev. Glenn Patterson, M.F.A., Associate Pastor

Lindsey Blackwell, Music Ministry Assistant

Lisa Withers, Organist/Accompanist

Suzanne Rankin, Program Director

Brittani Clayman, Director of Students

Moises Martinez, Student Ministry Assistant

Diego 'Zama' Zamarripa, Student Intern

Anna Kimerer, Choir Intern

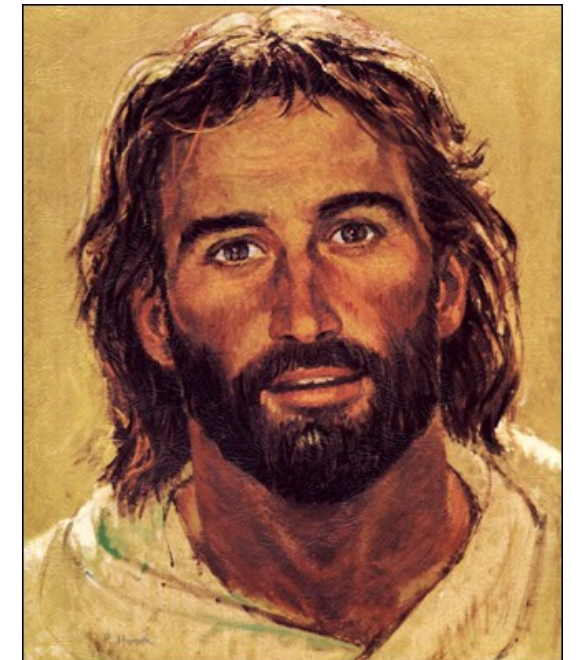
Michele Carpenter, Office Manager

Kitty McCormick, Infant Nursery Worker

Laken Price, Toddler Nursery Worker

Butch and Peggy Jones, Custodians

Abingdon United Methodist Church



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Mar. 1	8:45 a.m.....Contemporary Service
	8:45 a.m..... Traditional Worship
	9:45 a.m..... Kidstuff
	9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School
	9:45 a.m..... Youth Sunday School
	11:00 a.m..... Traditional Worship
	6:00 p.m..... Youth
	7:00 p.m..... Church Council Meeting
Tues. Mar. 3	3:30 p.m..... UMW Executive Meeting
	6:30 p.m..... Scouts
Wed. Mar. 4	6:30 a.m..... Men's Prayer Breakfast
	12:05 a.m.....Lenten Ecumenical Noontime Service at Abingdon Baptist Church
	5:15 p.m.....Dinner
	6:10 p.m..... Bells
	6:15 p.m.....Lenten Study in Chapel
	6:15 p.m.....Kids/Youth Activities and Choir
	7:00 p.m..... Choir

LENTEN ECUMENICAL NOONTIME SERVICES

Wednesday, March 4 at 12:05 p.m.

Abingdon Baptist Church

“Blessed are the Meek”

Rev. Boyd Evans from St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Wednesday, March 11 at 12:05 p.m.

Abingdon United Methodist Church

“Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness”

Rev. Scott Homesley from St. John Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 18 at 12:05 p.m.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

“Blessed are the Merciful”

Rev. Dr. Robert Countiss from AUMC

Wednesday, March 25 at 12:05 p.m.

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church

“Blessed are the Pure in Heart and the Peacemakers”

Fr. Francis Musoolooza from Christ the King Catholic Church

HELP NEEDED

Wonderful Wednesday Cook

Carla Countiss will be stepping down as our WW Cook starting this Fall. We will need someone who can cook homemade meals each Wednesday, September through May. Person must be dependable and know how to cook for a large group. This is a paid position. If you know of someone who would be interested, please contact Suzanne Rankin at 628-2321.

THE PRAYER LIST

In an effort to keep the Prayer List updated and current, requests will be removed from the Prayer List after 4 weeks. Please let us know of any corrections, updates or additions you may have.

New Request: Nancy Adkins, Hunter Booher

French Moore, Jr. passed away on February 24, 2020.

Prayer List: John Donch (Marsha Demase), Keith Hayden (Darius Johnson), Cindy Johnson, Dena Lasley (Sallie Garrett), Justin Matney (John and Becky Matney), Aurora Richey (Michele Carpenter)

Treatment Pending/Continuing: Patty Blackwell, Mike Ferrell, Karen Gardner

Homebound, Independent Living/Retirement, Assisted Care and Rehab Facilities: Daisy Campbell, VT Carr, Robert Cooper, Lovis Countiss, John and Phyllis Deadmore, Peggy Donaldson, Bill Ferguson, Jeannette Fleenor, Penny Howard, Lois Humphreys, Rags Medicus

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY IN MARCH

Please join us each week for dinner at 5:15 p.m. Dinner is \$7 per person, \$4 for children, \$17 family maximum. We have something for every age, all are welcome.

- Wednesday, March 4 – April 1: Lenten Study by Rev. Robert Countiss at 6:15 p.m.
Children/Youth activities and Choir practice.

ENCORE IN MARCH

Older Adult Ministry at AUMC

Thursday, March 26

Visit to the David Crockett Birthplace State Park and
Lunch at the New Mennonite Troyer's Market.

Leave: 10:00 a.m. Return: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 for transportation. Buy your own lunch.

Sign up deadline: March 15.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DISTRICT DAY APART

Abingdon United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Cost: \$10

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:30 Breakfast

10:30 – noon Worship and Communion

The speaker will be from the Children's Advocacy Center.

Music will be led by District Officer, Pat Johnson;

Frederica Cook will be the accompanist.

All women are invited and encouraged to join us!

