

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

First Sunday In Lent

“Righteousness And Salvation”

March 9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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Prelude

“Change My Heart”

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Welcome & Announcements

Good Morning! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshiping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages. We welcome your feedback as we continue offering in person and online worship.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at tappmethodist@gmail.com, with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

* Opening Hymn

“The God Of Abraham Praise”

UMH #116

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.
2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God’s face; I shall God’s power adore,
and sing the wonders of God’s grace forevermore.
3. The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and “Holy, holy, holy!” cry, “Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!”

* Call To Worship

Welcome home, beloved children of God!

Gathered in God’s arms, we come to worship.

Sheltered in God’s love, we come to grow in love.

Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.

Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

**we trust that God is with us,
guiding and protecting our days.**

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Merciful God, your ways lead to life;
your light shines in our darkness.

The promises you made to our ancestors
continue to this day.

We too share the bounty of your blessings,
and the grace of eternal life in your name.

May we be worthy of our calling
and help others find their way. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**God of our weary years, lift us up and guide us forward,
when we are tired beyond words.**

**Pour your grace into our souls,
when we give in to temptation
and stray where we were never meant to go.**

**Shepherding God, guide us back to you
and show us the path home.**

In hope and gratitude, we pray, Amen.

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The Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land

that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.”⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God,⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us,⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God.¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Scripture

Romans 10:8b-13

pg. 160

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Lord’s Prayer”/“God Leads Us Along”

Choir

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* Psalter

Psalm 91

UMH #810

Response: Grant us salvation, Lord; in trouble be our refuge.

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord,

**“My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I Trust.”**

For the Lord will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence
and will cover you with his pinions;

**under the Lord’s wings you will find refuge.
God’s faithfulness is a shield and a buckler.**

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You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

**You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your habitation,

no evil shall befall you,

no scourge come near your tent.

R

For God will live his angels charge over you
to guard you in all your ways.

**They will bear you up on their hands
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;

I will protect them, because they know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them.

I will satisfy them with long life

and show them my salvation.

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*** The Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

*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.*

*** Gospel**

Luke 4:1-13

pg. 61

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayer before the Sermon

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight,
O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

The Sermon

“Righteousness and Salvation”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Faith is Patience in the Night”

TFWS #2211

1. Faith is patience in the night, waiting for the morning light,
never giving up the fight.
Spirit God give us faith.
2. Faith is laughter in our pain, joy in pleasures that remain,
trust in one we can't explain.
Spirit God give us faith.
3. Faith is steadfast will to live, standing firm and positive,
being ready still to give,
Spirit God give us faith.
4. Faith is courage under stress, confidence in hopelessness,
greatest gift we can possess.
Spirit God give us faith.

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*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

UMH #880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

We want to continue to pray for the healing of the nations through this pandemic, and for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine; natural disasters; gun violence; and other catastrophic events. Remember those who have been in the hospital for treatments and surgeries, as well as for COVID 19. Remember those who are isolated with no one to interact with. Please continue to pray for: your prayer partners; our homebound folks; those in nursing, rehabilitative, and assisted living facilities; as well as for those on the front lines. I would once again ask that we pray for those who have chosen to keep their illnesses between themselves and God. While we respect their privacy, they still need our collective prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

**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.**

The Offering

Please remember to keep your tithes and offerings current so that the ministries of our church can continue. You may mail them to P. O. Box 326, Tappahannock, VA 22560, use the E-Giving link available on our website www.tappahannockmethodist.org, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

*** Doxology**

UMH #95

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. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn**

“Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days”

UMH #269

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in live and death, Jesus, with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

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*** Benediction**

“Go Now In Peace”

UMH #665

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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*** Postlude**

“I’ll Fly Away”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Eddie Bliss, Faye Brooks, Nancy Brumfield, Evy Campbell, Lynn Coates, Mark Cooper, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Rick Humphries, Richard Ledbetter, the family of Bill Loser, the family of Lois Nix, Dennis Puccetti, Jack Robertson, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Barbara Tate, the family of Rev. Dr. Robert Taylor, Jack Titmus, Bryan Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, and Jack Henry Whitaker. Inclusion and equality for the LGBTQ family and friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jean Edwards, Edna Parrish, and Barbara Watkins.

** Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family.*

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today, March 9th:	10:00 AM	First Sunday In Lent
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Monday, March 10 th :	6:00 PM	Leadership Board
Tuesday, March 11 th :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, March 12 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, March 16 th :	10:00 AM	Second Sunday In Lent
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

All meetings are offered in-person and via Zoom unless stated otherwise.

We seek to be the Disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture and support one another through service and outreach.

Our facility is handicap accessible.

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