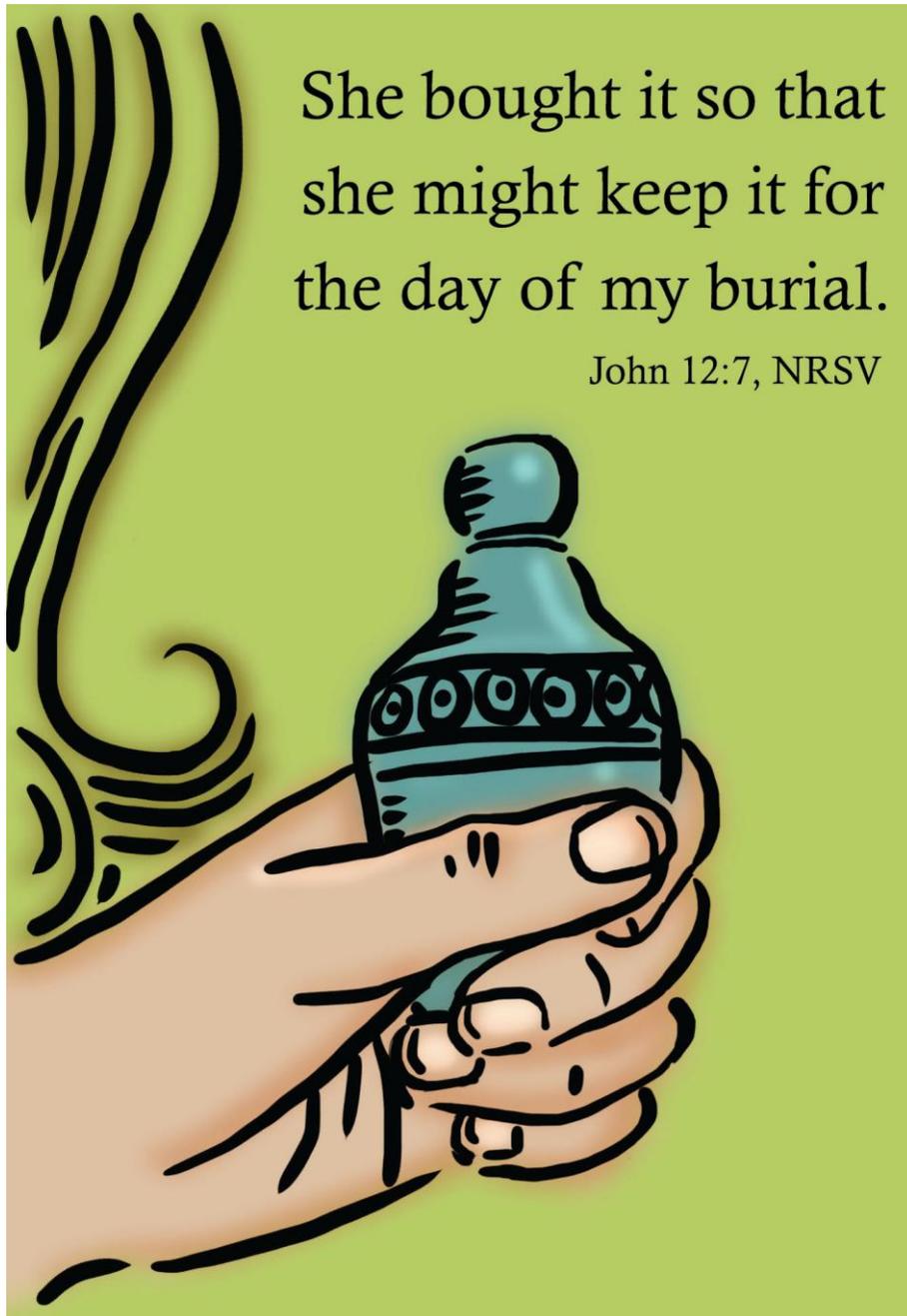


# *Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church*

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She bought it so that  
she might keep it for  
the day of my burial.

John 12:7, NRSV

*“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

February 22, 2026

### “Unlikely Offering”

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; John 12:1-8

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#### Prelude

#### “Sweet Hour Of Prayer”

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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 worshipping 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](mailto: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

#### “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 life and earth, 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.

#### \* Call To Worship

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

When we confess our transgressions,

Christ’s grace and forgiveness encompass us.

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

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**\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious and Loving God, we seek the freedom  
found in the grace we receive through Christ Jesus.

We seek to know more fully your great love.

Turn us from our temptations.

Inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ,  
that as we examine our lives and live out these days,  
we may become examples of your abundant love  
for all people.

May your Divine Spirit tend us  
as angels attended Jesus in the wilderness,  
and may we feel revived and sustained  
to follow Jesus. Amen.

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**Prayer of Confession**

**Just as Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness,  
we too struggle with desires for power, glory,  
or riches.**

**Teach us to turn from these temptations  
and to turn toward the power of scripture  
and prayer.**

**Center us in our faith.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. 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.**

**Anthem**

***“Songs Of Worship And Praise”***

**Glory Ringers**

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**Children's Time**

**Pastor Becca**

**Scripture****Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7****pg. 2**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Scripture****Romans 5:12-19****pg. 156**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Psalter**

**Psalm 32**

**UMH #766**

**Response: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice; shout for joy, you upright in heart.**

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

**Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away

through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

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

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord";  
then you forgave the guilt of my sin. R**

Therefore let those who are godly  
offer prayer to you;  
**at a time of distress, the rush of great waters  
shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me,  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you encompass me with deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you  
the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Do not be like an unruly horse or a mule without  
understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle.

**Many are the pangs of the wicked;  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous;  
**shout for joy, all you upright in heart! R**

**\* 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.*

**\* The Gospel**

**John 12:1-8**

**pg. 106**

*Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them[a] with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it[b] so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."*

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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

“Unlikely Offering”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

## \* Hymn of Response

“*Depth Of Mercy*”

UMH #355

1. Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?
2. I have long withstood his grace, long provoked him to his face,  
would not hearken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls.
3. I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified,  
oft profaned his hallowed name, put him to an open shame.
4. There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands.  
God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.
5. Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,  
now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

UMH # 884

**We believe in the one God,  
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,  
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God manifest in the flesh,  
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,  
in the life of love and prayer,  
and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God  
contained in the Old and New Testaments  
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church,  
those who are united in the living Lord  
for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God  
as the divine will realized in human society,  
and in the family of God,  
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness  
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## 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](http://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**

#### ***“Through It All”***

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### **\* 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**

#### ***“We Fall Down”***

**W&S #3187**

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus;  
the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy.”

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy.”

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.”

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### **\* The Benediction**

#### ***“Shalom To You”***

**UMH #666**

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.

May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**\* Postlude**

**“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”**

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**Thank you for joining us in worship!**

## PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, the family of Nancy Ball, the family and friends of Xzayviia “Zay” Bundy, Bill Croxton, Frauke Darnell, the family of Dr. Dudley, Phyllis Dunn, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Jim Glass, the family of Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Kelly Lafollette, Warren Minton, Andrea Mitman, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, Russ Riles, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, Susie Shiriak, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, Beverly Taylor, Thomas Tignor, Nancy Tiller, Jack Titmus, Marianne Towler, Biddy Acree Walker, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Ashley Wind. 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

LTC Matt Redmond

## PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, Betty Gregory, 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

<b>Today, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
Tuesday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> :	10:00 AM	Church Activity Group
Wednesday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> :	6:30 PM	Choir
Sunday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> :	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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