

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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KEEP YOUR EYES
ON THOSE WHO
WALK ACCORDING
TO THE EXAMPLE
YOU HAVE IN US.
PHILIPPIANS 3:17, ESV

*“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

Second Sunday In Lent

“Imitators”

March 16, 2025

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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Prelude

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

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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, with your attendance information.

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

* Opening Hymn

“In The Cross Of Christ I Glory” (Verses 1-4)

UMH #295

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o’ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

* Call To Worship

God, our light and our salvation, calls us to worship.

We gather in faith, confidence, and praise.

Come; seek the face of God.

God’s face shines upon us with grace and love.

Be strong, my friends, for God is here.

Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Mighty God, we come into your presence

from many different places and situations.

Light our way in this time of worship.

Calm our hearts, focus our thoughts,
and strengthen our faith,
as we pray and praise this day. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Mothering God, we often feel scattered and lost,
separated from you and from one another.**

Gather us in.

Comfort us in our loneliness.

Dispel our fears.

**Correct our wayward feet and strengthen our faith,
that we might hear your voice, trust your promises,
and stand firm in your ways.**

In your light and love, 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

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

pg. 12

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,"

Scripture

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Glory Ringers

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 27

UMH #758

Response: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me,
to devour my flesh,
my adversaries and foes
shall stumble and fall.

**Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the lord,
and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

R

The Lord will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble,
will conceal me under the cover of his tent,
and will set me high upon a rock.
**And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies round about me;
and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent
with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.** R

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart said, “seek the Lord's face.”
Your face, O Lord, I seek.
Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
for you have been my help.
**Cast me not off, forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother should forsake me,
the Lord would take me up.** R

Teach me your way, O Lord;
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
**Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
**Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage.
Wait for the Lord!** 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.*

*** Gospel**

Luke 13:31-35

pg. 77

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!
³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say,

‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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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

“Imitators”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“*Fairest Lord Jesus*”

UMH #189

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

UMH #883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God:

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

"I Will Sing Of My Redeemer"

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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**

"God Leads Us Along"

W&S #3031

1. In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet, God leads his dear children along;
where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet, God leads his dear children along.
Some through the waters, some through the flood,
some through the fire, but all through the blood;
some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
in the night season and all the day long.
2. Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright, God leads his dear children along;
sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night, God leads his dear children along.
Some through the waters, some through the flood,
some through the fire, but all through the blood;
some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
in the night season and all the day long.

3. Though sorrows befall us and evils oppose, God leads his dear children along;
through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes, God leads his dear children along.
Some through the waters, some through the flood,
some through the fire, but all through the blood;
some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
in the night season and all the day long.

* **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 Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Eddie Bliss, Faye Brooks, Nancy Brumfield, Evy Campbell, Lynn Coates, 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, 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, MAJ. Matthew D. Parker, USMC

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 16th:	10:00 AM	Second Sunday In Lent
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, March 18 th :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, March 19 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, March 23 rd :	10:00 AM	Third 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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