

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

Celebration of Worship, 1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As the days lengthen and the earth spends longer in the light of day, grant that I may spend longer in the light of your presence, O Lord, and may those seeds of your Word, which have been long-buried within me, grow, like everything around us, into love for you, and love for people; to become a visible declaration of your Lordship in my life. Grant, Father, that this Lent there may be a springtime for my life in Christ. Amen.

Dick Williams

PRELUDE *A Prayer of Need* Rodriguez
Longing Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jason Chambless

PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

These times, they are troubling; this journey, it is hard...

We follow our faithful Lord.

It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...

We follow our faithful Lord.

In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...

We follow our faithful Lord.

Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

We follow our faithful Lord.

*HYMN 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

(sung to the tune of "Angels, from the Realms of Glory")

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, and stay;
Come with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray,
And your fullest benediction shed within its walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three, and ever one:
One in might and one glory while unending ages run!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we come with hesitant steps and uncertain motives to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated. As we do this, expose the empty and barren parts of our lives where we haven't allowed you to enter. Reveal our half-hearted struggles where we have been indifferent to the needs of others. Nurture the faint stirrings of new life, where your Spirit has begun to grow. Let your healing light continue to transform us into the image of your Son, for he alone can bring new life and make us whole. Amen.

*PERSONAL REFLECTION & SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM *Must Jesus Bear the Cross* Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:1-13

SERMON *Wilderness Whispers*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2

*HYMN 166 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Sung to the tune of "Amazing Grace"

Lord, who through-out these forty days, for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion-tide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the

dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts...debtors)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Jesus Paid It All* Hayes

*DOXOLOGY 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; Let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (repeat)
Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O God, for all the blessings that are ours, and from these many blessings we return these gifts to you. Use them, and use us, to further the work of your kingdom, all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful, to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* Ritter

*Congregation may stand in body or in spirit

Congregational responses said in unison are in bold

Welcome All – Members, Friends & Visitors! We thank you for worshipping with us today. We trust the Spirit of God in this place will encourage and strengthen you in your devotion to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you would like to learn more about the membership and ministry of our church, please contact Pastor Andy.

Please find, fill out & pass the black Friendship Pad at the end of each pew... & take, fill out and wear a nametag so that we can greet one another by name.

Our staffed Nursery, located in the Office Building, is available for children up to 4 years of age during worship. Worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for younger children. The Parlor, located in the back of the sanctuary, is equipped with speakers so that while you enjoy the worship service your young children can enjoy more freedom.

There will be Sunday School for all ages following worship this morning.

All are invited to join one of our regular weekly study groups this week:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00, **NOT MEETING THIS WEEK**
- Tuesday Evening Women’s Study, 7:00, Education Building;
- Men’s Bible Study, Wednesday mornings, 7:15, Fellowship Hall

Our Preschool will hold its annual St. Patrick’s Day parade this Tuesday morning at 9:30. This fun tradition is an official event in Savannah’s St. Patrick’s Day celebrations. Come and enjoy the fun...without having to deal with the crowds on the actual St. Patrick’s Day!

Wednesday Night Supper – Join us in Fellowship Hall this Wednesday at 5:45 PM for Irish Stew & dinner rolls prepared by Sarah Vohringer. Please use the insert or call the church office at 912-897-1840 to RSVP.

VISA – our “Very Important Senior Adults” will meet Thursday, March 20th at 11:45 AM at *The Snug Irish Pub* (216 Johnny Mercer Blvd.). Please use the insert or call the church office to sign up.

Make plans to join us in two weeks, on Sunday, March 23rd, for a congregational brunch immediately following worship. On the menu will be BBQ Brisket, smoked by Carla Moore, with baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert provided by the Congregation Care Committee. Please use the insert to let us know you will be joining us.

Inner City Night Shelter is in need of peanut butter and jelly and/or bologna sandwiches. Please put them in sandwich bags so they can be added to food trays. Bring in anytime and put in the fridge in Fellowship Hall and they will be taken to ICNS. THANK YOU!

To make a gift to the church, offering plates will be passed, or you may train your phone’s camera on the QR code below which will bring you to our church’s online giving portal.



Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Jerri Jo and Milton Tackett on the birth of their first grandchild, Jack Milton Tackett, 3/5
- Diana Davis & family on the death of her father-in-law, Ray Davis, 2/28
- Steve Estes & family on the death of his brother, Charles Estes, 2/13
- Hester Haas, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Steve Cheshire, recovering from kidney surgery
- Jim Baker, recovering from emergency appendectomy
- Jan Dickson
- Jack Susie
- Sally Barksdale
- Joy Youngblood’s brother, Mark
- Bob Bower, back home; Bob & Joanne’s daughter, Rhonda
- Liz Ewbank’s son, Seth
- Bruce Anderson
- Patricia Helmly
- Jim and Debbie Baker’s granddaughter, Caroline
- J. Wade’s friend, Jackie Klein
- Bob Hastie’s brother, Sandy
- Lex Bailey’s friend, Paul Hebert, ALS
- Nancy Sesterhenn’s niece, Samantha
- Deanna Molnar’s aunt, Margaret, & cousin, Chloe
- Mary Lou Harrell’s cousin, Tammie Dooley
- Cindy Brown, John & Bebe Whitcomb, Tom & Bebe Dunlap

Prayers for Those in Our Armed Forces Including:

- Katlyn Flanders (Joy Youngbloods’ great-niece), West Point cadet
- Adam Calderon (Mary Ellen Harrell’s son; Mary Lou Harrell’s grandson); Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ
- Wally Lytle (Rhoda Voth’s nephew), US Marine Corp
- Tyler Lentini (Kurt & Sue Lentini’s son), USN, Guam
- Logan Roquemore (Hester Haas’ grandson), US Coast Guard

This Week in Our Church

Sunday 3/9	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Sunday School – All Ages
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Monday	1:00	pm	Mahjong Group
	5:00	pm	Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:30	am	WIPP’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade
	7:00	pm	Women’s Bible Study
	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday	7:15	am	Men’s Bible Study
	5:45	pm	Supper
	6:30	pm	High School Youth
	7:30	pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:30	am	W.I. Garden Club
Friday	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
	5:00	pm	Middle School Youth
Saturday	9:00	am	Healthy Choices Support Group
Sunday 3/16	8:45	am	Session Meeting
	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Sunday School – All Ages
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting

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We are a Christian community trusting God to build a stronger church through worship, education, service and stewardship.

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