

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**March 4, 2018**

**11:00 A.M.**

Our Mission: *Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World*

**PRELUDE** (By Video)

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** “Surely The Presence”

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*{Please take a moment to register your attendance on the pew pads. Your faithfulness helps us keep up with those in worship. Guests please also fill out the pew card you will find in the racks on the pews and drop them in the offering plate so that we can get to know you! Thank you for your attendance today!}*

**TIME OF GREETING**

*{Please extend a word of welcome and a hand of hospitality to each other.}*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #562** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH** (In Unison)

The Apostles’ Creed (#881 UMH)  
***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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (\*\*universal)***

**MORNING PRAYER**

*{Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have or know of a prayer concern that needs to be brought to the pastor’s and/or congregation’s attention, please fill out the prayer card and place it in the offering plate. Prayers will be lifted up.}*

**STEWARDSHIP AND OFFERTORY**

**Mark 10:45** “*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*”

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER** (In Unison)

***Heavenly Father, we are reminded again today of your great love for us that Jesus came to rescue us. We give back to you today because you have first given to us. You have not only given us everything we need for life, but you have generously given us your life that we can live for you now and live with you eternally. Bless these gifts that we give back to your service today. Bless us as your people to follow you and do your will for this church. Fill us with the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.***

**YOUNG PEOPLE’S TIME**

**ANTHEM** “I Love To Tell The Story” Choir

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Matthew 12:38-41** <sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” <sup>39</sup> But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” <sup>40</sup> For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

**Matthew 16:21** <sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

**SERMON** Rev. Kari L. Howard

**The Sign**  
**Series: Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block**

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*{During the Lord’s Supper, the ushers will guide you to receive the communion elements. When you come forward, you may kneel or stand at the altar in prayer. Then you will be given a piece of bread and a cup to partake. When you are finished praying and receiving the communion you may return to your seats by the side aisles so that those who have not received yet may come to the altar down the center aisle.}*

**THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (In Unison)

***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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**  
**THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #496**  
“Sweet Hour of Prayer” vs 1-2

**\*THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**  
**\*RECESSIONAL #496** “Sweet Hour of Prayer” vs 3  
**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**MESSAGE NOTES:**

**Mainline:** \_\_\_\_\_ **focus on**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **details will cause you to**  
**completely the** \_\_\_\_\_ **point.**

**1) The Stumbling Block: Any \_\_\_\_\_ of a day equals a \_\_\_\_\_ day.**

**2) The Stepping Stone: Everything rests on the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Romans 1:3-4** <sup>3</sup> Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

**Matthew 27:62-64a** <sup>62</sup> On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, <sup>63</sup> saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’” <sup>64</sup> Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day...

**3) Jesus’ power over \_\_\_\_\_ rests on the resurrection.**

**Romans 6:8-9** <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

**4) Jesus’ power to \_\_\_\_\_ rests on the resurrection.**

**1 Corinthians 15:16-17** <sup>16</sup> For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

Church Calendar  
**Sunday, March 4**  
 9:45AM Sunday School  
 10:30AM Choir Practice  
 11:00AM Worship  
 12:15PM Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, March 6  
 12:00PM-1:00PM Table of Grace  
 12:15PM TOG Worship

Wednesday, March 7  
 10:00AM Bulletin Deadline  
 12:00PM Bible Study  
 5:30PM WinGs

Saturday, March 10  
 Spring Forward! - Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed!

Please register your attendance in the pew pads each week! If you see your neighbor on the pew hasn't registered their attendance, please sign for them.

**Benefit for Lora Hill & Family**  
**Saturday, April 28**  
 Sponsored by West Bend UMC & the Randolph County Sherriff's Dept. at West Bend Church's Fellowship Hall  
 Dinner: 4 PM to 6 PM  
 Tickets: \$10 a plate: Chicken pie, pintos, bread, slaw, dessert & bev  
 Children under 10 cost is donation  
 Drive Up Drive Thru Available  
 Live Auction: 7 PM  
**Buy your ticket(s) today at church from Cyndi Reinhardt!**

*You can help by buying tickets, donating desserts, and donating auction items. We also need volunteers to work at the benefit such as working the drive thru, helping make plates, cleaning tables, greeting visitors. Please support this benefit for our beloved church members. Posters are available for pick up from the back of the sanctuary to post around town.*

Community Needs for March  
 CUOC: Carrots  
 Hospice: Snacks & Small Toiletries

Memorial Gifts

**In Memory of Darrell Cooper by:**  
 Dare Campbell  
 Lloyd & Ann Hamlet  
 Kari Howard

**In Memory of Ester Davidson by:**  
 Dare Campbell



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 18** for our **Spring Fling!**

Bring A Friend to Church ***Is A Must*** and Bring A Covered Dish!

*We will enjoy a special worship service which will include special music. Wayne Euliss will be sharing in song and testimony. We will have a fellowship meal after worship in the fellowship hall hosted by our Leadership Team! Music and Fun Games will be enjoyed by all after lunch. Meats, Beverages and Dessert will be provided.*

**Start thinking about and praying for the person or persons you will bring to church with you!**

**Easter Sunday, April 1st**  
 No Joke —Jesus Is Risen!  
 Here's how we will celebrate:

**7AM Sunrise Service with communion outside (weather permitting) followed with breakfast in the fellowship hall, invite your friends and neighbors!**

**9:45AM Sunday School**

**11AM Worship Handbells will play.**

**Stay tuned!**



Special Thanks To Our Worship Associates  
 Worship Assistant: Dave Camp  
 Announcements: Cyndi Reinhardt  
 Organist: April Brown Choir Director: Carol Petty  
 Ushers & Greeters: Debra Hill, Susann Camp, Cyndi Reinhardt, Toni Welch, Reagan Hill  
 Sound System & Power Point: Jenni May  
 Opening & Closing & Trash Detail: Bill Burrow  
 Communion Stewards: Jenni May, Cliff Kinney  
 CUOC Deliveries: Need a volunteer

**Easter Lilies Order Deadline is March 18!**  
 Extra order forms are in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Church Family  
 Bruce Burrow Thurman Coltrane  
 Vickie Freeman Lora Hill  
 Dave McGowan Cleo Munn  
 Denny Reinhardt

Assisted & Skilled Living  
 Daffie Branson - Clapp's  
 Bernice Dwiggin - Somerset, Mocksville  
 Betty Hewitte - Autumn Care, Shalotte  
 Ruby Howard - Clapp's  
 Angie Isenhour - North Pointe  
 Rene Overton - Cross Roads  
 Kim Shaw - Woodland Hills  
 Joe Thomas - Cross Roads

Shut-Ins  
 Clarence Davis Ed Hinkel

Our Military  
 Kasey Ingold Logan Morris

Our Church The Unchurched  
 Our Country

*Prayer requests will be left on for 2 weeks unless specified for a longer time.*

Stewardship Update

For February

Budget Needs	\$10,232
Budget Received	\$ 9,301
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-\$ 931</b>

Year To Date

Budget Needs to Date	\$20,464
Actual Budget Received	\$16,135
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-\$ 4,329</b>

Offering Needed each Week is \$2,558.

Please give so West Bend Church can continue to shine the light throughout our community and beyond.

Dear Friends,  
 I want to express my gratitude to you for completing your conference and district apportionment giving. Your portion provides for ministry in your community, in your region and state and throughout the world. Specifically, the Uwharrie district is able to provide funds for community ministries and outreach efforts because of your portion. We are able to provide resources to congregations for healthy transitions, conflict transformation and strategic planning for vital ministry. As your portion joins the portion of other United Methodists, we are able to be a faithful presence in God's world! As your missional strategist and superintendent,  
 I thank you!  
 Grace and peace,  
 Laura H. Auten  
 Uwharrie District Superintendent

If you need assistance hearing during our worship service, please see the sound tech in the back of the church before worship. We have ear buds you can use during worship!

**Welcome Guests!**

We would like to extend a warm West Bend welcome to our visitors today. We hope you will plan to worship with us again and consider joining our church family.

Our restrooms are located through the double doors up the steps behind the sanctuary and the handicap restroom is through the double doors in the chapel.

Please feel free to join in any of our ministries. If you have any questions about the church, the pastor's e-mail address and phone number are located in the staff section.

We are a community in which questions are welcome, the dress code is whatever you have on, and the grace of God revealed in Jesus matters above all else.

Ministry Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Kari L. Howard
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
Lay Leader	Mrs. Cyndi Reinhardt
Janitor	Mr. Tim Burrow

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