

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 12, 2023

PRELUDE/GATHERING *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Marti Lane

ANNOUNCEMENTS Buddy Butler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST Buddy Butler  
CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 890  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.** *All pray in silence.* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 359 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 884 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church  
**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER, 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, for ever. Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM *Take My Yoke Upon You*  
Words by J. Paul Williams; Music by Douglas Nolan

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES  
OFFERTORY *We Give Thee But Thine Own* Marti Lane

\*DOXOLOGY, 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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 17:1-7 Adam Turner  
PSALTER, 814 Psalm 95 April Butler  
SECOND READING Romans 5: 1-11 Lynn Turner  
\*GOSPEL READING John 4:5-42

\*GLORIA PATRI, 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.**

SERMON "Water Jar Witness" Buddy Butler

\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 369 *Blessed Assurance*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

\*POSTLUDE *Behold the Lamb* Marti Lane

\*Congregation standing, as able



A new 13-week session of GriefShare, a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close, will begin on Monday, March 13, 6-8 p.m. Call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.

**UMCOR Sunday Offering:** Sunday, March 19. Your gift is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and feet of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today.

An **SPR Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 6 p.m.

The **Mission Work Area** will meet on Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. in the Older Elementary Classroom. Anyone interested in Missions is invited to attend.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to organize an Easter Egg Hunt after worship on April 9. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are able to help!

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 6 p.m. 168 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

The Parsonage has a new phone number: 423-761-6999.

All news and calendar items for the April issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **Thursday, March 16.**

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

**Church Leadership**  
**Pastor** Gilbert "Buddy" Butler  
**Secretary** Heidi Rule  
**Custodian** Christine Dowlin

**Sunday Servants**  
**Ushers** Bill Simonds, Adam Turner  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane



**Our Prayer Concerns**

**Our Congregation:** Ed Massengale, the family of Emily Yaxley, Cathryn McCarter, Sheppie Dunn, Jeane Kalchik, Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Barb Bender

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** Warrene Alexander

**Others in our prayers:** \*the family of Joseph Dills (nephew of Randy Loudermilk, Kimberly Curcio (friend of Neila Pace), Bee Hicks, Junior Gwynn (having rehab on hands), ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine

\*new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

**If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.**

**Birthdays**

14 Larry Collis 18 Barry Abbott

**Anniversaries**

18 Adam and Lynn Turner 23<sup>rd</sup>

**If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.**

Upper Rooms for March—April are available in the Narthex today.



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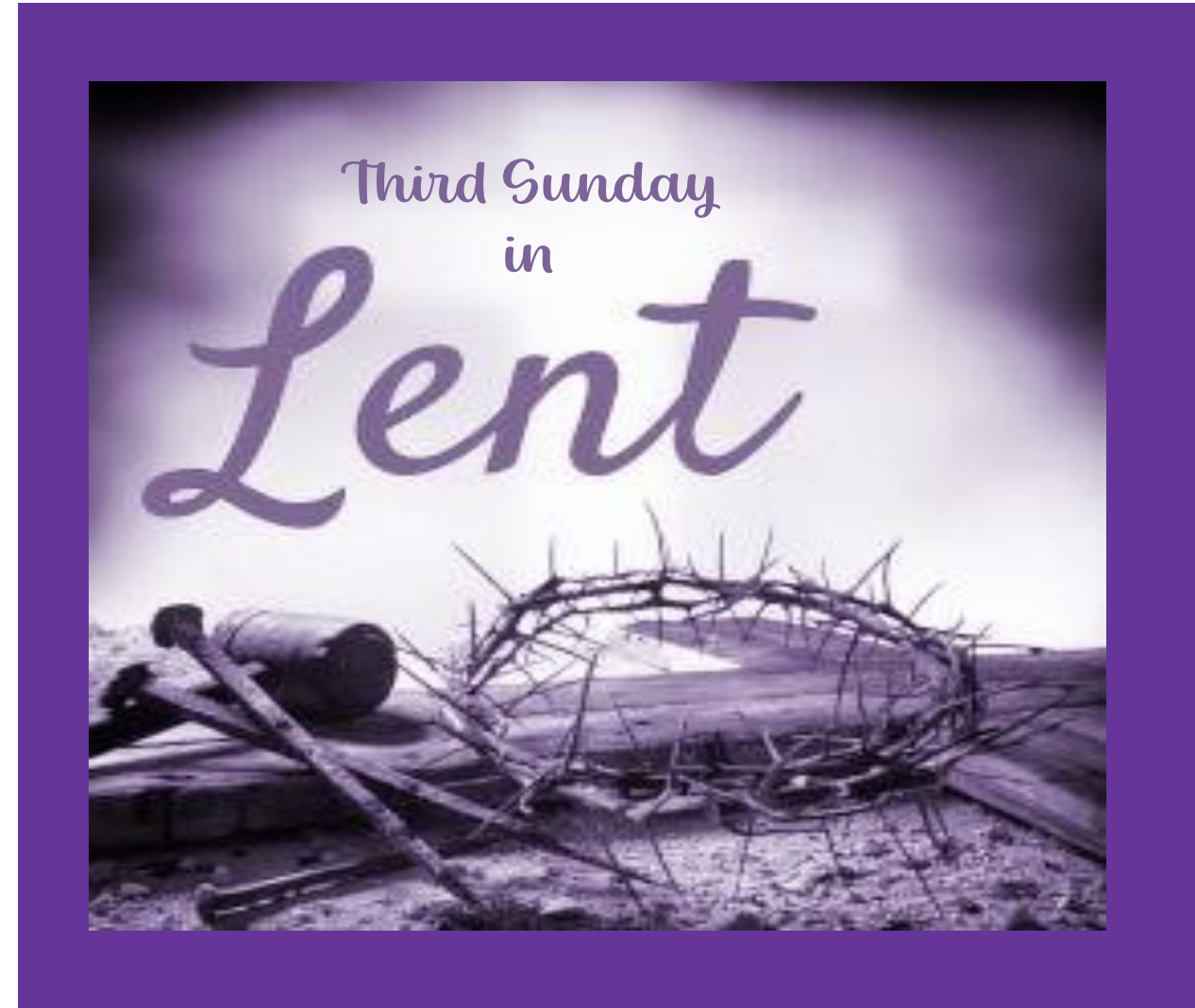
**Calendar**

**Today**  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

**Monday**  
 4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"  
 6:00 p.m. GriefShare Meeting  
**Wednesday**  
 6:00 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday**  
 6:00 pm AA Meeting

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 Secretary's Office Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



*Everyone Welcome!*