

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon Mar 6— 6:00 PM Quilt Class—CH
Tue Mar 7— 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews—MMR, 11:00 AM UWF Chair Yoga—CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study—CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR,
Wed Mar 8— 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Day--CH, 10:00 AM Program Ministry--L
Thu Mar 9--9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Clergy Cluster--MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR, 6:30 PM Choir Practice--S
Fri Mar 10 --Nothing currently scheduled
Sat Mar 11--Set Clocks Ahead One Hour for Sunday
Sun Mar 12—8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
Sun Mar 12—10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service



Abbreviation Legend
 CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary
 K--Kitchen L--Library Room #123
 MMR--McMillen Room #113
 PS--Pastor's Study HR--Handbell Rm #115

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- **Saturday, Mar 18 Turtle & Tortoise Sanctuary Visit.** Program Ministry. Meet at church at 9:30 AM, bring zucchini and romaine lettuce. See desk in Narthex for details & sign up.



- **Monday, Mar 20, 3:00 PM Avila Dog Beach Walk.** Meet at beach--talk to Lucy Jacob if you need directions.

- **Program Ministry has scheduled more movie nights, to be held in Criswell Hall:**



Mar 26 4 PM "You People"

Apr 30 4 PM "80 for Brady"

- **Visit to Covell Ranch Clydesdales in Cambria.** A date to be set in April. Please visit Program Ministry in the Narthex for details on the visit. We need to see how many people are interested. There is a cost of \$50 per person. Then a date can be scheduled.



- **Food, Fun, and Friends** (the old Table of 8) has a new format. Sign up at Program Ministry to plan and to host/hostess a party with your input as to date, theme, place, how many people. We hope to get many groups going. Be creative!



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March 5, 2023

10:30 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *I Will Praise Him* Margaret J. Harris/arr. Cindy Berry

CHORAL INTROIT *Lift High the Cross (verse 1)* No. 159

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

God is with us, even in loneliness.

On treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

We will walk in God's way of wisdom and truth.

Come into the shelter of God's Love.

Here we find grace and peace.

*OPENING HYMN *How Great Thou Art (verses 1-3)* No. 77

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of help and hope, be with us this day.

Breathe into our prayers and praise.

Breathe into our spirits.

Breathe into our worship with your promise of help,

your promise of rebirth,

and your promise of blessing.

In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

PSALTER READING Psalm 121 No. 844

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Let it Breathe on Me* No. 503
 Prayers of the People
 Choral Response *Let it Breathe on Me* No. 503

CHORAL ANTHEM *Holy Ground* words and music by Geron Davis

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17

HYMN (*remain seated*) *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley (verses 1-2)* TFWs #2112

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
 LOOKING TO JESUS:
 Understanding

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *Lenten Meditation* A. D. Burger/arr. Gilbert Martin
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Page 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15
 Sharing the Bread and Cup
 Communion Music *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Folk Melody/arr. Mark Hayes

*CLOSING HYMN *Grace Alone* TFWs #2162

*BENEDICTION

As we have been helped,
God sends us forth to help God's world.
 As we have been restored,
Christ sends us out to restore others with love.
 As we have received the Spirit,
the Spirit sends us to share God's Love.

RESPONSE *Amen* No. 903

POSTLUDE *When Morning Gilds the Sky* Franklin Ritter

* Please stand as able.

John 3:1-17

Today's Scripture

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Today's Liturgist: Barbara Reineke

WEEK	ATTENDANCE			VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON			
02/05	37	63	100	54	154	\$9,639
02/12	37	62	99	36	135	\$5,809
02/19	47	60	107	32	139	\$1,770
02/26	37	68	105	23	128	\$2,972
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE:						
YTD Needed (Budgeted): \$215,600						YTD Received: \$208,626

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:
FINANCE TEAM

Next Sun-Mar 12

Hosted by

Mission Team