

Large print bulletin 2-12-2023

WELCOME

Rev. Andrew Wolfe

PRELUDE

Frank Watson- bassoon

*The prelude is offered on behalf of the congregation.
Quiet meditations and private prayers are encouraged.*

***CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***GREETING**

Ben Grizzard

Leader: Lord, as we gather together, we acknowledge we are a forgiven people.

People: Your righteousness is like the mountains, your wisdom as deep as the sea!

Leader: You forgive us each and every day for the many ways we fall short of your mercy.

People: Teach us to embody your grace, your love, your mercy and your forgiveness to all those we encounter this day.

***"COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 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.**

***GLORI PATRI**

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SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:15-20 page 163 Liturgist: Ben Grizzard

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Andrew Wolfe

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Tables are set up at the back of the sanctuary to receive your offering and mission basket donations.

"I WILL BE TRUE"

Besig

Frank Watson - Flute

St. James Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

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SERMON: Perspectives: If at the Altar...

Rev. Lyn Pace

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-26 page 786

***"WHEN**

LOVE

IS

FOUND"

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COLLECT

God of compassion and justice, hear our prayer. Christ calls all to repent, and we protest we are virtuous people. Christ calls us to costly discipleship, and we cling to the status quo, focused on our own security and well-being. Christ calls us to love you and one another and we find excuses to put off faithfulness until tomorrow. Forgive us, O God of love. By your grace, cleanse, renew and empower us to truly be your people. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*The flowers on the altar are in honor of
Fern and Mike Humphries 50th anniversary.*

Join us for our covered dish lunch after our service and for
Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace's book discussion at
1pm in the sanctuary.

Mission Basket

Our February Mission Basket will assist with our 2023 Community Garden project.

Kid's Club & UMYF: No activities today

Women of Faith: Monday at 11:30am (Fellowship Hall)

Outreach/Mission Comm.: Feb. 19 at 11:45am
(Covenant/Disciple Classroom)

Trustees: Feb. 19 at 11:45am (Fellowship Hall)

Church Council: Feb. 19 at 6pm (Fellowship Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New service time: Next Sunday, The Gathering service will begin at a new time 10am.

Valentine's Dinner: Today is the last day to reserve your spot for the UMM's Valentine's Dinner on Saturday at 6pm. Each reservation is \$15 and there is a choice of steak or chicken. Reservations will be taken after church in the nursery hallway. Ticket money will be taken the night of the event.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner: Put February 21 on your calendar. The Salkehatchie Team will be serving up pancakes for our Shrove Tuesday dinner beginning at 5:45pm. This will be a fundraiser for the work the group does in the summer.

Ash Wednesday: Join us for our Ash Wednesday service Feb. 22 at 7pm in the sanctuary.

New to St. James Class: On February 26, we'll be having a class for those who are new to our church or who might want to learn more about how to get connected. We will meet after church and lunch will be provided. Please contact the church office for more information.

In Our Prayers

Shirley Anderson
Nancy Becker
Phyllis Bird

Sandy Hall
Marge Hart
Peter Heer
Lorelei Hightower
Betty Hughes
Nancy Hughston
Shirley Lupton
Anne Lutz
Gwynn Radaker.

Irene Ruskin
George Ricker
Ira Snead
Irene Stone
Darlene Stacy
Mary Stork
Linda Taylor
Ivy & Jude Thomas
Dotty & Jim Tubb

Nancy Bishop

Joe Brooks

Iris Browning

Bob Clark

Michael Crawley,

Hamrick's friend,

needs lung transplant

Clay Emory

Elouise Faulkner

Fred Fullerton,

health concerns

Pat Harris

Sara Gaulden

Sympathies to Jean Richter family on the passing
of her brother, John Richter.