

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday February 18, 2024

The First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE Janesta Williams
PASTORAL WELCOME Rev. Carson Montgomery
ANNOUNCEMENTS Holly Massey

CALL TO WORSHIP Holly Massey

Leader: Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries. Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax the tension in your jaw,

All: For Christ is here. God never stops seeking us.

Leader: We have been found.

All: Let us find God in return.

Leader: Let us worship the God of deep waters.

*HYMN NO. 720 Jesus Calls Us

CALL TO CONFESSION Holly Massey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Holly Massey

Leader: Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was

there for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy. And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend. Church family, hear and believe this good news: You can make a thousand bad impressions. You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better. And even still, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart. That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that.

All: Amen

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 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.

ANTHEM: Choir "Where There is Love, There is God"

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Carson Montgomery

HYMN NO. 475 Come Thou Fount

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Holly Massey

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25: 1-10

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 5: 1-11

SERMON **Wandering Heart: Jesus Sought Me**

Rev. Carson Montgomery

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (written by Rev. Sarah Are Speed)

Leader: I believe in a God of abundance—

All: a God who sees possibilities where I cannot, and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.

Leader: I believe in a God who comforts—

All: a God who says, “Do not be afraid;” a God who joins me in life’s deep waters.

Leader: I believe in a God who invites—

All: a God who says, “Follow me,” and, “You will be fishers of people.”

Leader: I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—

All: a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS Rev. Carson Montgomery
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

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 DEDICATION

All: Lord God, just as you filled the nets of the first disciples, so you fill our lives with an abundance of blessings. Multiply our gifts of time, passion, and treasures so that the world may experience your faithfulness and glory. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

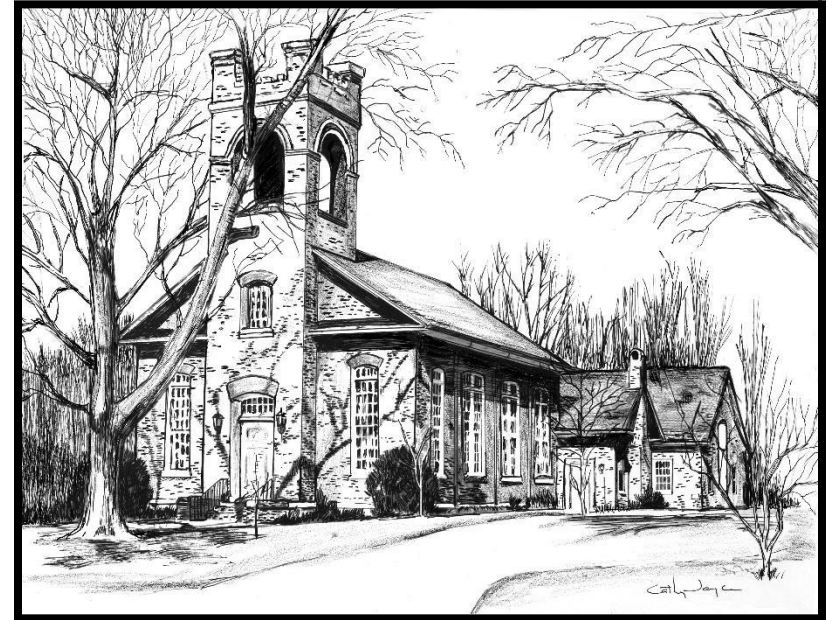
*BENEDICTION Rev. Carson Montgomery

*Stand as you are able

All liturgy and prayers written by Rev. Sarah Are Speed. Lenten Series Theme, “Wandering Heart” from Sanctified Art, LLC.

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Elder of the Day

This Week: Holly Massey Next Week: Craig Denton

Announcements

Sunday Feb 18 10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:00pm Annual Valentine's Party

Tuesday Feb 20 6:30pm Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday Feb 21 12:00pm Free Soup Lunch

Sunday Feb 25 10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
7:00pm Presbyterian Women's Evening Group

Tuesday Feb 27 10:00am Sisters of the Heart

Wednesday Feb 28 12:00pm Free Soup Lunch

Rev. Gayle Montgomery (Laine Ardrey's sister) is leading a women's retreat in Black Mountain during the weekend of March 8-10, 2024. The retreat will be at the YMCA Conference Center, & will be entitled "Be Still and KNOW". Gayle will concentrate on prayer, conversation with God, & intimacy with the Holy Spirit. **The deadline to sign up is February 19. Please contact Laine at (704) 281-6064 or parispearhome@hotmail.com for more info.**

There will be a free soup lunch served at the church on Wednesdays from February 21st- March 27th 12:00pm until 1:00.

Happy FEBRUARY Birthday to YOU!

4 – Jim Garrison	17 – Stuart J. Graham
5 – Jim Massey	17 – Roy Sansbury
5 – Mika Sinclair	21 – Jeff Bean
10 – Genevieve Cook	29 – Nancy Garrison

February Prayer List

Disciples: Toug Brunson, Annette Flanagan, Glenda Manus, Trudy Massey Walker, William Sims, Eloise Williams

Friends: Amelia Davis, Sharon Foster, Patty Harris, Suzanne Patterson, Joan Powers, Gail Stogner, Ashby

Community: Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, our teachers and students

Providence Presbytery: Grace Presbyterian Church (Lancaster)
Rev. Marty Simmons

Wider World: Israel and Gaza, all affected by Hurricane Idalia, Libya, Maui, Turkey & Syria, Ukraine, Russia, our country and elected leaders

Youth: Cody Campbell, Harrison Cargill, Rachel Graham, Stuart Graham, Charlie Haynes, Alena Massey, Kate McCalmont

Vocational and College Students: Genevieve Cook, Carson Helms, Christian Moss, Ashley Overstreet, Devon Overstreet, Fritz Walker

Homebound Disciples: Eloise Williams, Vicky Lott

Session: Class of 2024: Linda Pelletier (Clerk), Laura Clark; Class of 2025: Holly Massey, Craig Denton; Class of 2026: Janet Campbell, Julie Graham

Staff: Donna Fox, Stuart Graham, Barbara McAfee, Janesta Williams, Rev. Carson Montgomery