

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday March 3, 2024

The Third Sunday in Lent

Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

Janesta Williams

PASTORAL WELCOME

Rev. Carson Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laine Ardrey

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Inspired by Psalm 19)*

Leader: If you ask the sky who God is,

All: the sky will tell you of God's reach.

Leader: If you ask the day who God is,

All: the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

Leader: If you ask the night who God is,

All: the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

Leader: "The heavens are telling the glory of God." Are you listening?

All: We are listening! We will sing of God's glory.

Leader: Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN NO. 625 How Great Thou Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

Laine Ardrey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.

Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.

Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

All: Forgive us for losing sight of you, Holy God.

Leader: Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—

All: trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Leader: Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

All: Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

Leader: We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

All: Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, whether you speak to God in a whisper or with clear conviction, with questions or with answers, with hope in your heart or with doubt in your throat— God will always listen with love and mercy. So rest in this good news: regardless of how loudly you live your faith—you belong to God. You are loved. You are claimed. You are forgiven. Speak that good news with confidence.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 475

***Come thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing; call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet; sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!***

ANTHEM Because He Lives

Choir

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Carson Montgomery

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Carson Montgomery

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 19

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

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 16: 13-20

SERMON **Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount**

Rev. Carson Montgomery

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

Leader: Jesus asked the disciples, "But what about you? Who do you say that I am?" Church, what do you say?

All: Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls. Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger. Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend— with me on the mountain and beside me in the valley. Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows my name.

Leader: Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"

All: Like Peter, we say, "Jesus, you are the Messiah, Son of the Living God."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (See Insert)
PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS Rev. Carson Montgomery

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: Loving God, you are the One from whom all blessings flow. Accept our tithes, pledges, and offerings to multiply your faithful presence through the ministries you have called us to. May we bear witness to your grace, goodness, and love. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 546 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessings

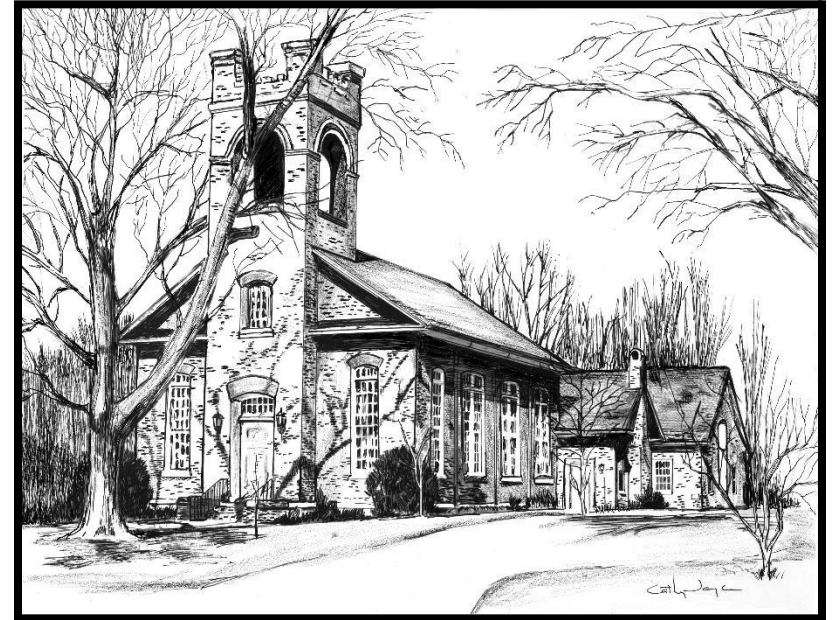
*BENEDICTION Rev. Carson Montgomery

*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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**The ministry of the church continues. Please mail your tithes, pledges, and offerings to the church, Attention: Treasurer, P.O. Box 68, Van Wyck, SC 29744. You may also give online through the "Giving" tab on the church website www.vwpc.org

Elder of the Day

This Week: Laura Clark Next week: Janet Campbell

Announcements

Sunday March 3 10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship and Communion
7:00pm Presbyterian Women's Evening Group

Tuesday March 5 10:00am Sisters of the Heart

Wednesday March 7 1:00 Lunch Bunch At Smoking Rail

Saturday March 9 8:30am Men's Breakfast

Sunday March 10 10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday March 11 7:00pm Mission Team Meeting
Grounds and Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday March 12 10:00am Sisters of the Heart

Sunday March 17 10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday March 18 10:30am Presbyterian Women

The sanctuary flowers are given by the Calcote family to the glory of God and in memory of the tenth anniversary of Dr. Mack Calcote entering the Church Triumphant.

Happy MARCH Birthday to YOU!

9 – Clayton Massey	17 – Olivia Tuttle
12 – Andrea Helms	21 – Paul Korkoubus
13 – Rose Mary Bean	22 – Annette Flanagan
16 – Jake Clark	23 – Jon McCalmont
17 – Mark Tuttle	31 – Rachel Graham

March Prayer List

Disciples: Rebecca Bowyer, Toug Brunson, Glenda Manus, Williams Sims, Carol Johns

Friends: David Adams, Bernard Bagley and Niles, Bill Brown, Mary Crenshaw, Sharon Foster, Lauren Foster, family of Joshua Hall, Patti Harris, Kip Hurley & his mother, Margaret Jacques, Marion Mackey, Leah Opyrchal & Fern, Paul Walters, Rick Young,

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

Providence Presbytery: Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church (Lancaster) Rev. Paul Smith

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer