

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Janesta Williams

PASTORAL WELCOME

Rev. Carson Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laine Ardrey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Laine Ardrey

Leader: Why are you here?

All: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

Leader: I see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.

All: Why are you here?

Leader: I, too, am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

All: We see that in you! You're in the right place. This is God's house.

The door is open to you.

Leader: Let us worship God. Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen

*HYMN NO. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CALL TO CONFESSION

Laine Ardrey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher." Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should we forgive?"—make us brave. Spark a

desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Family of faith, When Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive?" Jesus responded with abundance. That abundance exists for you as well. No matter what you have done or left undone, no matter what lessons you have learned or are still learning, God's abundant grace exists for you. God's love will never run out. So hear and rest in this good news: You are forgiven. You are loved. You are invited to serve.

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

God So Loved The World

Choir

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Carson Montgomery

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Laine Ardrey

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119: 9-16

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

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 18: 15-22

SERMON

Wandering Heart: Teach Me

Rev. Carson Montgomery

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

We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

"How many times should I forgive?" "Jesus, where are you going?"

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

"Where does it hurt?" "What do you need?"

"How can I help?"

We believe that God is a teacher.

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." "Here I am."

"Send me."

We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage, with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.

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, we treasure your word and your will in our hearts.

Bless the treasures of our time, energy, and offerings so that others may experience your faithfulness. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 216 Beneath The Cross of Jesus

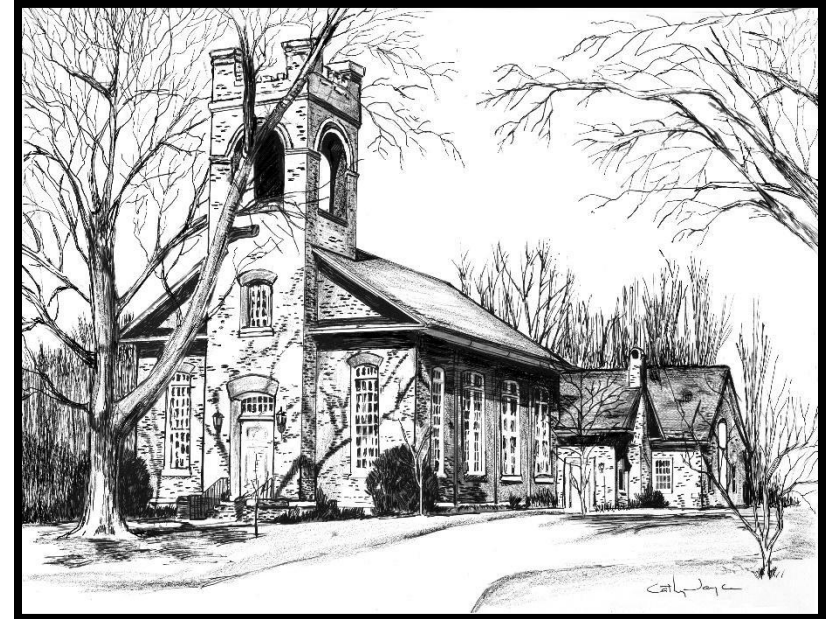
*BENEDICTION

Rev. Carson Montgomery

*Stand as you are able

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

**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: Holly Massey Next Week: Craig Denton

Announcements

Sunday March 17	10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Presbyterian Women's Evening Group
Monday March 18	10:30am Presbyterian Women
Tuesday March 19	10:00am Sisters of the Heart
Wed March 20	12:00pm Lenten Soup lunch
Saturday March 23	2:00pm Van Wyck Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday March 24	10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Palm Sunday
Tuesday March 26	10:00am Sisters of the Heart
Wed March 27	12:00pm Lenten Soup Lunch
Thursday March 28	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service and Communion
Sunday March 31	9:45am Easter Breakfast 11:00am Worship Easter Sunday and The Flowering of the Cross

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 REQUESTS

Disciples: Linda Vaughan, the family of Eloise Williams, Dianne Moore, Donald and Mary Baker, Rebecca Bowyer, Toug Brunson, Glenda Manus, Williams Sims, Carol Johns

Friends: Mother of Roy Sansbury, David Adams, Bernard Bagley and Niles, Bill Brown, Sharon Foster, Lauren Foster, family of Joshua Hall, Patti Harris, Kip Hurley, Margaret Jacques, Marion Mackey, Leah Opyrchal and Fern, Paul Walters, Rick Young, Rev. Dr. Dick and Lila Ray, Ronnie McClure, Stephanie Rape (Ryan Rape's grandmother) Pam and Dave Wiltsie, Gail Stogner, Mary Crenshaw (hospice)

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

Providence Presbytery: Lockhart Presbyterian Church (Union SC)
Rev. Jonathan Cantrell

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: 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



2pm Sat March 23 - Easter Egg Hunt

11:00am Sunday March 24 - Palm Sunday

**7:00pm Thursday March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service &
Communion**

9:45am Sunday March 31 - Easter Breakfast

**11:00am Sunday March 31 - Easter Worship
(Bring your bouquets to flower the cross)**