

# First United Methodist Church of Hampton

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March 17, 2019

10:00 a.m.



**In the name of Christ WELCOME!**

**Although you may be a stranger to us, you are no stranger to God, who knows you and loves you, and whose heart is glad at your presence here. We sincerely hope this time of worship will bless your life.**

**As you are able, please stand for acts of worship indicated by an asterisk (\*).**

**UMH indicates The United Methodist Hymnal (red book in pew rack)**

**TFWS indicates The Faith We Sing (thin black book in pew rack)**

**Help us sustain God's creation by placing used worship bulletins in the basket on the credenza in the back of the sanctuary for recycling.**

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Nocturne in C Minor*

The Glory Ringers

GATHERING MEDITATION

Rev. Candee Martin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

*God is our light and our salvation.*

**Whom shall we fear?**

*God is our light and our salvation.*

**What is there to be afraid of?**

*God is our light and our salvation. God's light is shining.*

**Laugh and sing to the Lord.**

*Dance and reach to the heavens.*

**Sing and shout to the Lord.**

\*HYMN

*Trust and Obey*

UMH 467

## LENTEN JOURNEY FROM LIGHT TO DARKNESS

*Jesus has called us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we often let the social boundaries and borders of the world divide us. We keep people out who need to be invited in. We have a responsibility to care for one another just as Christ cares for us. Don't let us fail. For God so loved the world, even our world today, that He gave us His precious Son. What a wonderful gift of love! He loves us and we must repay that love.*

*(Extinguish 1 purple candle)*

*Let us pray.*

**Dear God, teach us how to love, how to break down barriers, and to build bridges to each other. On our journey, help us to truly love others as ourselves. In every way we need to watch out for each other. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

LENTEN MISSION FOCUS

H.E.L.P.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (NRSV)

<sup>15</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

*The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***



**\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

*The Lord is our light and our salvation.*

**In God, we are not afraid.**

*The Lord is our fortress and rock that shelters us from the storm.*

**In God we dwell secure.**

*The Lord is our resting place, gathering us together as a mother hen gathers her brood under her wing.*

**In God we find our true home.**

*Go with the blessings of the One who leads us into terrifying darkness to fill our lives with light and hope. **Amen.***

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Attendance Last week**

Worship: 66

Sunday School: 38

Thank you to **Carolyn Slye** for writing our liturgy for the Lenten Journey from Light to Darkness.

**Altar Flowers**

*One of the ways the Worship Committee has decided to observe Lent is by not having flowers on the altar during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers during Lent (March 6-April 20) will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!*

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

|             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| LITURGIST:  | Mike Langford                   |
| FINANCE:    | Bill Diggs                      |
| BUS DRIVER: | Ron Rumsey                      |
| COUNTERS:   | Brad Allsbrook<br>JoAnn Walberg |

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

|             |                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| LITURGIST:  | Judy Rushton                   |
| FINANCE:    | Carol Gardner                  |
| BUS DRIVER: | Sam Pollard                    |
| COUNTERS:   | Donna Robinson<br>Vince Mundie |

# *Quiet Space*



# **DONATIONS NEEDED:**

**Individually wrapped candy that will fit into plastic eggs**

**Need by April 14.**

Boxes will be placed in the Narthex (back of the sanctuary) and the Kitchen for collections.

**Bags of Plastic Eggs**

**Need by April 14.**

**Hard Boiled Eggs**

**Need by Friday, April 19 or before the party April 20.**

Put in kitchen refrigerator.

## **Volunteers to work at the Easter Party.**

We will have all of the items needed for each station.

**Kitchen-Serving snacks**

**Games-Handing out prizes**

**Little Kid Crafts**

**Big Kid/Adult Crafts**

**Hiding Eggs**

**Easter Egg Dying**

**Cookie Decorating**

**Easter Party**  
**Saturday, April 20**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

# Don't miss these events:

**Sunday, March 17**

**5:30 pm**

Covered Dish Supper  
with our Missionary from Chile, John Elmore



**Sunday, March 31 at 11:00 am**

Baked Potato and Salad Bar Lunch  
to benefit Project Crossroads Team

**Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 am**

Passion/Palm Sunday Worship



**Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm**

Worship with Communion

**Good Friday, April 19 at 5:00 pm**

Community Walk with the Cross  
throughout downtown Hampton



**Saturday, April 20**

10:00 am- 2:00 pm

**Easter Party**

*Easter Sunday, April 21*

*at 10:00 am Easter Worship*

Bring fresh flowers to adorn our Resurrection Cross!



I have the most awesome church family and I want to say **“THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!”** to all who participated in our annual hosting of HELP’s “A Night’s Welcome” February 16–23. During our week, we provided 407 bed nights of shelter (which means we averaged 58 guests per night) and provided over 735 hours of volunteer service during the week. I truly believe our guests saw the face of God through the Christian love and hospitality each of you provided to them. I know they were very appreciative of the two hot meals served each day; the safe haven you provided so they could watch movies and sleep without fear of something happening to them; their “new” clothes; needed toiletries and hot showers. Our guests also really enjoyed interacting with Pastor Candee and her dog, Mia. I had several comments on how therapeutic spending time with Mia was to them. Special thanks to Sam Pollard, Christine Woods and Melva Fairchild for being there Monday during the day so we could remain open on President’s Day; and Sam Pollard for taking over site coordination for me so I could stay home and sleep Thursday night; and to the Choir for the hymn sing they led Thursday night. Also, my thanks to those of you who were not physically able to participate, but who provided needed items and your prayers for this most meaningful mission effort for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in need here in Hampton.

***Carol Gardner***

# Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



## SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Fellowship (FH)  
 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Worship w/ Glory Ringers (S)  
**5:30 pm Covered Dish Supper with  
 John Elmore, Missionary in Chile**



**3/17**

**3/18**

## MONDAY, MARCH 18

No scheduled activities

**3/19**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)  
**7:30 pm Church Council (FH)**  
**Please note time change to accommodate Yoga**

**3/20**

Caitlyn Dorsey

**3/21**

Connie Mundie

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 pm Lenten Study – *Simon Peter* (FH)

**3/22**

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

10:00 am Gentle Yoga (FH)  
 3:00 pm Congregational Care Meeting (C)  
 5:00 pm Sine Nomine (CR)  
 6:15 pm Bell Choir (CR)  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (S)

**3/23**

Amiee Cutshaw

**3/24**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

No scheduled activities

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

No scheduled activities

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Fellowship (FH)  
 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Worship w/ Glory Ringers (S)

The Pastor and staff wish everyone a happy birthday and pray God's blessings upon you.

If your birthday is not listed or listed incorrectly, please accept our apologies and let us know in the office so we can correct our records. Thank you.

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| FH-Fellowship Hall | HP-Happy People's Class |
| CR -Choir Room     | S-Sanctuary             |
| CFR-Craft Room     | Kit-Kitchen             |
| C-Crouse Room      | P-Parlor                |



**Please remember in prayer those from our congregation:**

Lil' Bit Brown  
Nell Writtenberry  
Jane Roberts  
Eleanor Woodward  
Ed Kilgore  
Allen Langford  
Barbara Cabbage  
Marty Baker  
Candee Martin and family  
Aggie Hogge  
Lenny Yarrington  
Robin Welch  
Marianne Prentiss  
Beth Nystrom  
Earl Lawson  
Lewis Thurston  
Jackie Taylor  
Winnie Barnes  
Sue Miserentino

**Sympathies to Ed Kilgore** and family on the passing of his wife, Lila

**Is there someone for whom you would like us to pray?  
Please contact the church office.**

**Our friends and family in need of prayer:  
Bishop Lewis;**

**Lyle** (Wilson's grandson)  
**Chad Sayers** (Winnie Barnes' grandson)  
**Jimmy Parker** (friend of Carol Gardner)  
**Gerald E. Burks** (friend of Vince Mundie)  
**Maddie Davis** (student at Armstrong)  
**Tim** (friend of the Milholens)  
**Patsy G. Maney** (friend of Vince Mundie)  
**Linda Lowry** (Linda Marushi's cousin)  
**Nancey** (friend of Jane Miller)  
**Vicki Pogozeleski** (Judy Rushton's daughter)  
**Abdul Fattah Kourtiche** (father of Sarah and Hannah Kourtiche)  
**Ellen Sue Ryan** (friend of Meg Moore)  
**Leo** (infant friend of Hannah Kourtiche)  
**Chris** (Audrey Thurston's brother)  
**Barbara Farrand's daughter-in-law**  
**Gene Ferguson** (friend of Vince Mundie)  
**Bill Milholen** (William's father)  
**Carolyn Schmid** (former member & friend of Shirley McCracken)  
**Jim McLees**

**And many others...**

# Visitor Center

## **TO REACH THE REST ROOMS OR THE NURSERY:**

Enter through the canopied entrance on the side of the building. Rest rooms are down the hall to the left. The Nursery is up the steps and down the hall to the right. Greeters and ushers are available to guide you.

**REGISTRATION PADS** are located in each pew near the center aisle. Please use these to record your presence, and to pass along information for the pastor or the church office.

**PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are available in the pews and in the foyer atop the Prayer Box. Deposit them in the box or drop them in the offering plates.

**WE PRACTICE "OPEN" COMMUNION.** We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month, and at other special times. All are welcome at the table of the Lord, regardless of church membership, age, or feelings of worthiness. If you wish to come into relationship with Christ, deepen or renew that relationship, there is a place for you here.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER OF FIRST UMC,** please indicate so on the registration pad, or contact the pastor.

## **OUR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:**

FELLOWSHIP 8:30 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM  
WORSHIP: 10:00 AM

There is a place for you and your family on Sunday mornings here at First UMC Hampton

# How to Reach Us

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