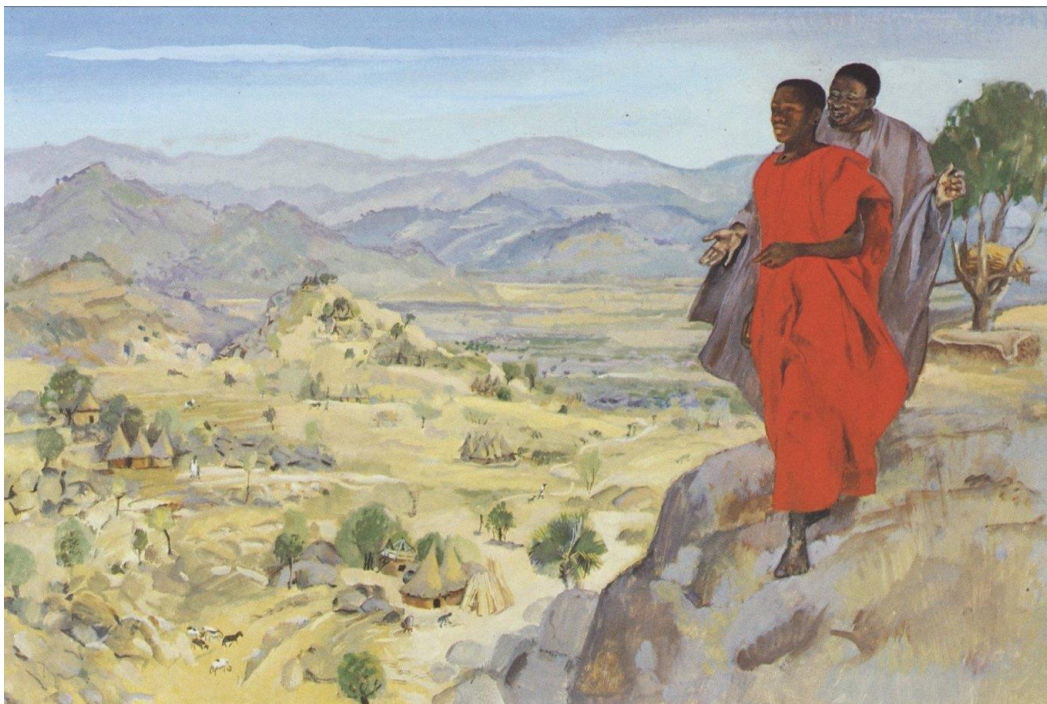




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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A safe place to be authentic and to experience acceptance,
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First Sunday in Lent
March 06, 2022

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Pastor: Rev. Michael Goldston

Staff

Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.

Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

Sexton: Gary Putnam

Youth Minister: Rachael Cline

Please silence and turn off Wi-Fi on your mobile device to ensure we have the bandwidth to livestream today's service. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Westminster Abbey Hymn" Purcell

*Processional Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Hymnal no.269
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Psalm 36:7-10

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Prayer of confession Psalm 51:1-17 CEB

All: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love! Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion! Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin! Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me. I've sinned against you—you alone. I've committed evil in your sight. That's why you are justified when you render your verdict, completely correct when you issue your judgment. Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me. And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space. Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed rejoice once more. Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds! Create a clean heart for me, O God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me! Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me. Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach wrongdoers your ways, and sinners will come back to you. Deliver me from violence, God, God of my salvation, so that my tongue can sing of your righteousness. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your praise. You don't want sacrifices. If I gave an entirely burned offering, you wouldn't be pleased. A broken spirit is my sacrifice,

God. God, you won't despise a heart that is broken and crushed.
(Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us pass God's peace with each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please remain in your seat. Make signs of peace to those with you in person and connect with your phone with other live viewers through Facebook "comments.")

Welcome and Announcements

Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Following the children's sermon, we invite our K3 to 2nd grade children to follow the designated adult upstairs. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew. The children will have a lesson and craft while socially distant and wearing masks. At the end of the Prayers of the People, the adult leaders will bring them back to the sanctuary and ensure they return to their parent/guardian.

Prayer for Illumination

Jesus, give to us grace, sinners as we are. Open our eyes to see your face; open our hearts to know you, so that through your Word we obtain sure present and eternal gain. Amen.

First reading

Psalm 91:1-2

NSRV (pg.518 OT)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

Hymnal #881

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.

*Gloria Patri Hymnal no.70
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.

*Second Scripture Luke 4:1-13 NRSV (pg.57 NT)
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Do We Take the Easy Way Out?"
Eugenia Vicars. Lay Leader

Anthem "In Times Like These" Jones
Edward Pool, tenor

Prayers of the People
Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 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
The special quarter offering will go to support our community by paying for laundry mat use for people at a local laundry mat.
Giving Links:
PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=Y9NV28ABLG5LW>
Realm - <https://onrealm.org/StPaulUMC1107/give/now>

*The Doxology Hymnal No. 95
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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn "I Surrender All" Hymnal no.354

*Benediction
(As you leave, please respect the social distancing needs of others.)

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 02/27/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums Processing fees	\$5,379.80	02/27/2021
Summer Camp	\$196.62	In-person: 42
Missions	\$3,257.00	Streaming households: 17
Total Giving	\$8,833.42	*Viewers reached: 64

*"Streaming households" is the number of screens tuned in during the live broadcast on Sunday. "Viewers" are the number of screens that watched the service for at least 3 seconds throughout the week.

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Victor Jenkinson by Ed & Mary Pool, David Lupo.

Today's Servers:

Reader: Henry Stephens
Acolyte: Henry Stephens
Toddlers: TBD

Crucifer: John Tate
Children's Worship: MaryAnn Stephens &
Rebecca Roper

Financials for January 2022

Monthly Goal for January:	\$14,952.51
Total giving for January:	\$12,154.41
Money transfers for January:	\$2,875.00
Expected budget for January:	\$20,174.31
Actual budget expenses for January:	\$25,629.39
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$14,952.51
Received Year-to-date:	\$12,154.41
Thank you for your generous giving!	

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 269

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. Lord, who through-out these for-ty days for
 2. As thou with Sa-tan didst con-tend, and
 3. As thou didst hun-ger bear, and thirst, so
 4. And through these days of pen-i-tence, and
 5. A-bide with us, that so, this life of

us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to
 didst the vic-tory win, O give us strength in
 teach us, gra-cious Lord, to die to self, and
 through thy pas-sion-tide, yea, ev-er-more in
 suf-fering o-ver past, an Eas-ter of un-

mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
 thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
 chief-ly live by thy most ho-ly word.
 life and death, Je-sus, with us a-bide.
 end-ing joy we may at-tain at last.

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13)

MUSIC: USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938;
 harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

LAND OF REST

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I Surrender All

Unison

1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; all to him I
 2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; hum - bly at his
 3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; make me, Sav - ior,
 4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; Lord, I give my -
 5. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; now I feel the

free - ly give; I will ev - er love and trust him,
 feet I bow, world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en;
 whol - ly thine; let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 self to thee; fill me with thy love and pow - er;
 sa - cred flame. O the joy of full sal - va - tion!

Refrain (Harmony)

in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 tru - ly know that thou art mine. I sur - ren - der
 let thy bless - ing fall on me.
 Glo - ry, glo - ry to his name!

all,
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,

REPENTANCE

all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 3/6	Joint Youth Group: Northside UMC	6:30pm
Mon, 3/7	Trustees meeting: In-person & Zoom	7:00pm
Tues, 3/8	Fellowship Luncheon: Sakura	11:30am
Fri, 3/11	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6 – 9:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 3/13	Youth Only Bonfire Night: Northside UMC	5:00pm
Mon, 3/14	S/PPRC Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 3/16	Pastor Michael at Project Host	9:00am – 1:30pm
Thurs, 3/17	Golden Girls Luncheon & Bible Study	11:30am
Mon, 3/21	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 3/22	Women's Community: TBD	TBD

From Pastor Michael

(You can always reach me at 864-979-2435 or megoldston@umcsc.org)



Bible Study: Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30pm. We are continuing to study Acts and meet via Zoom.



Project Host: If you would like to join me in service to the hungry in our community, go to <https://www.projecthost.org/> and sign up to volunteer on the second Monday of each month from 9am to 1pm. **In March, I will be there on Wednesday the 16th.**

Office Hours: We are open from 8:15am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:00 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and Melissa is available through the church email and phone.

[Share our live-stream on your Facebook page.](#)

Take five minutes and write us a **review!** [Facebook](#) or [Google](#)

Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

1. **Cloth or surgical face masks** covering the nose and mouth are **required** for everyone aged 3 and older in the balcony, when moving, and when unable to maintain 6-ft. social distancing inside the building. While seated in the lower sanctuary, you may take off your mask.
2. Please maintain social distancing throughout the time you are in the building and in the pews.
3. Pre-registration continues to be necessary for contact tracing. Please sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/KKHMWBTa1Ptk2HZs7>. You can also sign up by clicking on the picture in the Weekly Update or by going to our website. If you do not pre-register, please register with the usher when you enter.
4. Please self-screen for symptoms or close contact with a known positive case and follow the latest CDC guidance on quarantine requirements.
5. If you test positive and determine that you were contagious when you attended worship, please let the office know so we may notify close contacts.

On March 13, we will change our protocol to be mask optional in all areas except the balcony and reduce our social distancing requirements.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Katie Franks, 3/8; Nolan Roberts, 3/9; Jon Miller, 3/11; Carol Head, Charlie Forrester, 3/13

Happy Anniversary: Branham & Tracey Biggers will be celebrating 18 years on 3/13. Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Chastity Campbell, Paul Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Patsy Crabtree, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Isaac Ferrell, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, ***Ibby Jenkinson***, Lee Jenkinson, *Carol Johnson*, **family of Rev. Dr. Charles Johnson**, Larry & Jodi Johnson, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Chuck McLesky, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Kenneth & Jan Osborne, *Leonard Price*, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Joe Whitmire, family of Sharon Williams, friends serving in the Armed Services, first responders, and the leaders of the United States of America. (Bold = New, *Italics* = Currently in hospital or rehabilitation)

Missions: Salkehatchie, Empowering Haitians, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Legacy Elementary, Hinton Center

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Joint Youth Group: will be meeting 3/6 and 3/27 at Northside at 6:30pm. On 3/13, we will be gathering at 5:00 for the bonfire (see below).



Confirmation class: will be meeting at 5:30pm on 3/27 at Northside UMC.



Fellowship Luncheon: will be on 3/8 at 11:30am at Sakura Japanese Steakhouse on S Pleasantburg in Greenville. Join us for an afternoon of good food and

fellowship!



Parents Night Out: will be on 3/11 from 6pm to 9pm. A light supper and treat will be provided for the children. Go enjoy a night out! RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/eJ22B7YrGy5CBZECA>



Youth Group bonfire: will be on 3/13 starting at 5:00pm. We will have some sing-a-long campfire songs and s'mores.

This will be a youth group only event. The youth are planning a bonfire event for everyone on 5/15 from 4 to 6:30pm.



ATTENTION ALL VETERANS in the Mt. View / Blue Ridge / Taylors/ Tigerville/ Travelers Rest areas and beyond. Join us Thursday, April 28th from 8:30 AM – 10 AM, as we officially open our **VETERAN COFFEE HOUSE** at Mt. View United Methodist Church, 6525, Mt. View Rd, Taylors, SC. The 4th Thursday each month from 8:30 AM - 10 AM we will open our VETERAN COFFEE HOUSE to local Veterans for coffee, conversation, information and fellowship.

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 3/7 at 7pm in-person and via Zoom. Members are Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Debbie Goodwin, and Chris Cox. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 3/14 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Jim Storey, Katie Knobeloch, Donna Connelly, Troy Gamble, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 3/21 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Melissa Campbell, Donna Connelly, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Jason Cheshire, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



Church Council: will be meeting on 3/28 at 8pm via zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Lori Cheshire, Heather Storey, Janet Cook, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, Ed Pool, Jim Storey, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, Davis Lupo, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, and Mary Anne Terminato. All are welcome!

Opportunities to Serve



We are continuing to collect non-perishable items for the **Hygiene Bags**. Please leave donations in the shopping cart located in the narthex and they will be stored until needed. Please see the display in the narthex to see what we need. Thank you!



Please consider helping support Project Host by ordering supplies they need on a regular basis.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2293025SV5Q37?ref=wl_share

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