



Worship for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

Our Calling

What is our charge?

Our charge is to create the church Jesus expects.

How do we live?

*We live to become more like Jesus,
bringing faith and life together.*

Who are we?

*We are a community where all people
can take root in love and grow in service.*

Rooted in Love. Growing in Service.

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please find the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew so all may sign.

Please note Nursery is available in the Faith Ministries Building.

PRELUDE

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Traditional

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 91

One: The Lord is our refuge and fortress; our God in whom we trust.

All: Because we have made the Lord our refuge, no evil will befall us.

One: God has commanded the angels

so that our feet may not dash against a stone.

All: For those who love the Lord,

God will protect them from the lion and the serpent.

One: When you call upon the Lord, your questions and trouble
will be satisfied, and salvation will be shown to you.

All: Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Following the Call to Confession please observe a moment of silent confession.

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS**

One: Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are loved and accepted, forgiven and freed.

All: Thanks be to God!

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN 215 v. 3 *What Wondrous Love Is This

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,

WONDROUS LOVE

to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,

while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;

while millions join the theme, I will sing!

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

HYMN 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Children may participate in Children's Church or remain in the sanctuary during the sermon.

SERMON

***HYMN 167**

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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RESPONDING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

adapted from Romans 10

If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. We believe with our hearts and so are justified, and we confess with our mouths and so are saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame." For we believe there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, & OFFERINGS

Offertory *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* Burger

*DOXOLOGY 675 v. 4 *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; TALLIS' CANON
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O Lord, Our Refuge Smith

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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Liturgy is adapted from Call to Worship.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in recognition of the youth and their families and the leaders who support these young people at NRPC.



Leading and supporting worship today:

Preacher: Mary Addison Askew

Liturgists: Bennett Fisher, Izze Fisher, Rebekah Judy, Gaines Stallworth, Stella Stallworth

Accompanist: John Tyson

Chancel Guild: Gay Strickland

Counters: Rick Bell, Candy Tedrick

EIC: Todd Barlow

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Acolyte: Addi Melton

Children's Church: Janet Livengood

Nursery: Debi Collins

SRT: Larry Horton

NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

Anniversaries: Afif and Ann Antoun 3/13

Birthdays: Michelle Snead 3/10, Pat Bidwell 3/13, Cameron Sarver 3/13

The Gathering: The next Gathering is **Wednesday, March 12 at 5:45 PM** in the FMB. The menu is is grilled sausages and hot dogs with all the fixings! See the Friday News for more information and to RSVP.

Nifty Sixties: Our next get together is **Thursday, March 20 at 11:30 AM** in the FMB. Please RSVP to Kim Stall on or before **Monday, March 17**, at 919-219-1553 or kimberlyjostall@gmail.com and let her know what dish you will bring to share.

NRPC's Ladies Spring Retreat is **Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22**. See the Friday News for updated information. The deadline to register is **March 14**.

Fellowship with Books will be **Monday, March 24 at 6:30 PM** at the home of Becky Pynch, 6433 Sassafras Lane in Raleigh. The book for discussion is *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend! For those who like to read ahead the selection for April is *Inside the O'Brians* by Lisa Genova

Youth Mission Trip: We are excited to announce a youth mission trip planned for **July 13-18** in Charleston, SC! Join 6th-12th grade youth as they answer God's calling to serve our neighbors humbly in love. Chaperones are needed to accompany our youth. Read the Friday News for more information. Reach out to Janet Livengood or Lori Fisher for questions or interest.

THIS WEEK AT NRPC

Sunday 3/9	9:00 AM Cornerstone Class (F) 9:30 AM New Members Received (N) 10:30 AM Worship Service (S, Y) 11:30 AM Youth and New Member Reception (F) 12:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting (F3, Z) 3:30 PM Pioneer Class (F)
Monday 3/10	11:30 AM Conference Room in Use (F3)
Tuesday 3/11	10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (F) 4:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting (Z) 6:00 PM Finance Committee (F) 6:30 PM Adult Bells (S)
Wednesday 3/12	10:00 AM Staff Meeting (F) 5:45 PM The Gathering (F) 7:00 PM Adult Choir (S)
Thursday 3/13	9:15 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study (F) 10:30 AM Joyful Ringers (S) 11:15 AM Tai Chi (F) 11:30 AM Conference Room in Use (F3)
Friday 3/14	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Z)
Saturday 3/15	9:30 AM Ladies' Morning Coffee Talk (OFF)
Sunday 3/16	9:00 AM Cornerstone Class (F) 10:30 AM Worship Service (S, Y) 11:30 AM Reception for the Melton Family (F) 3:30 PM Pioneer Class (F)

Legend: A=Admin F= Faith Ministries Building
 Y= You Tube S=Sanctuary N=Narthex Z=Zoom O=Outdoors OFF=Offsite

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