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*The Chancel flowers on the Altar are dedicated
In memory of Patricia Wolverton
Given by her children, Carol, Brian, and Janice*



“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



**First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023
11:00 am Traditional Worship**

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Traditional Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Living for Jesus"

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

Happy are those whose sins are cast away.

Come let us worship the Lord who alone is our Savior and Redeemer!

Let us sing out! Let us shout for joy! Rejoice in the Lord!

*Hymn UMH #269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. Help us admit our sins and accept our imperfections. Why is that simple act so difficult for us? Why do we hesitate, knowing that you stand ready to wash away our guilt? In your steadfast love, forgive us. In your healing caress, cleanse us. In your Holy Spirit, restore us. In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace *(As forgiven, reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love).*

Mission Moment

Onslow Community Outreach Service Project

Dr. Annette Harpine

Alex Szczesniewski

Psalm 32 UMH #766

Children's Celebration

"Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191 *(Sung as the children come forward)*

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Nathaniel Fahy

Open Altar, Open Heart *(As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor).*

Call to Prayer "Across the Lands"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*The Apostles' Creed UMH #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.

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Anthem

"The Power of the Cross"

*Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

"Encounter in the Wilderness"

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory

"Peace of Our Praying"

*Doxology

UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH #365

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

**Please stand as you are able.*