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



February 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship

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Swansboro, North Carolina 28584

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A Stephen Minister provides confidential support, encouragement, listening, and prayer to those going through a difficult time. Contact: SUMC office, website, or Laurie NardoKunst: 910-934-5457.

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Music Director: Lindsay Williams: Music@swansboroumc.org
Piano and Organ: Terri Boykin

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GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

*Call to Worship

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

*Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH #110

*Opening Prayer

God our Creator,

We long for wholeness in our hearts and in our lives.

**When we are tempted by quick fixes or twisted promises,
remind us that true sustenance, protection, and power are found only
in You. As we devote these forty days to You, shape us into the image
of Christ and lead us to rest confidently in Your love.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

*Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come
to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!*

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Alice Voss

Epistle Lesson Romans 5:12-19

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Anthem "Beautiful Savior"

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" FWS #2112

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "Amazing Grace"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

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

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "More Like You" FWS #2167

"More like you, Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire to make
me more like you. More like you, Jesus, more like you. Touch my lips with
holy fire and make me more like you."

** Please stand as you are able.*