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



March 1, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship

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Swansboro, North Carolina 28584
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Daymark Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

First-time guests, please text "WELCOME" to (910) 460-9998

Prelude "Lead Me to Calvary"

*Call to Worship

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,
God calls us to follow in trust

**God is able to make us more than we have been
And bless us on the way**

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again,
Christ invites us to become a new creation

**Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light,
And we are saved through him**

*Opening Hymn "The Gift of Love" UMH 408

*Opening Prayer

God our helper, our shade, our protector, You are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in Your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to Your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

First Scripture Lesson Genesis 12:1-4 Bobbi Edge

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff to the Ministry Center (Bldg.3) for SwanKids Worship during the sermon. They will return for communion with their families.

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Epistle Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Anthem "Nearer, Still Nearer"

*Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17

Sermon Rev. Elias Ballew

RESPONSE

Invitation to the Table

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will; we have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

*Doxology UMH#94

*The Great Thanksgiving TFWS 2257

Giving of the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the table of the Lord. We serve by intinction or by using prepackaged gluten-free elements. Those unable to come forward may raise their hand, and a pastor will bring communion to you. After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/or go to one of our prayer stations to receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers. Offerings left at the altar rail go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, used primarily to assist the needy.

Communion Song "Come to the Table of the Lord"

Prayer after the Meal

SENDING

*Hymn O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread UMH 613

*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.*