

CHILDREN'S Opportunities
Sundays

Infants-K2
Nursery room 119 (8:45-12:15)
with Dawsey, Bess, Payton, & Ella

10:00
K3 – 5TH
Sundays@10 from 10 – 10:45
(Root Cellar)
3/30 with Miss Michelle

11:00
K3-K5 are welcome in worship or may participate in extended session in room 120 if they like.

1st – 5th grade in worship until the sermon during which they may choose to adjourn to Children's Chapel and return following the sermon.
3/30 with Mrs. Sarah

This week

It's our last month of SHinE!

And it's our last few weeks with Mrs. Amy.

SHinE Choir- April 13

SHinE Choir sings in 11:00 worship on Sunday, April 13.

Please be in the choir room by 10:30 am to robe and rehearse. Thank you!

YOUTH

Sunday, March 30th – **Sunday School** from 10:00-10:45 in the youth room.

Sunday, March 30th – **Confirmation Class** will be practicing their faith statements in the youth room from 10:00 – 10:45

Confirmants present faith statements for Session at 3:00

Monday, March 31st – **RSVP deadline for Middle School Summer Experience** to Presbyterian College on July 21st – July 23rd.

Wednesday, April 2nd – **WEY** from 5:30 – 7:00

Thursday, April 3rd – **Auction item deadline** please have all donated items to Jade Green by this date.

2025 Lenten Services and Lunch Schedule

During Lent, area churches invite the community to worship and have lunch together every Wednesday. Lunch is served twice with a worship service in between seatings. Meals will be served at 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Lenten Pilgrimage worship will be from 12:35 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The schedule for the 2025 Lenten Pilgrimage series is shown below.

Date	Host
April 2	Main Street United Methodist Church
April 9	First Presbyterian Church
April 16	Morris Chapel Baptist Church

\$2 donation to cover the cost of the meal. A love offering will be accepted at each service to benefit Greater Greenwood United Ministries.

Sunday, March 30
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class (YR)
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
3:00 p.m. - Session (Chapel)
4:00 p.m. - CC Follow-up (BR)
5:00 p.m. - CC Adv. Commit. Dinner (Montagues)
6:00 p.m. - CE Team (BR)
Monday, March 31
4:00 p.m. - Kenya Faith Missions (Conf Rm)
4:30 p.m. - Committed Prayers (Chapel)
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
5:00 p.m. - Admin Comm. (BR)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
Tuesday, April 1
9:15 a.m. - Staff Mtg
10:30 a.m. - Circle #1 (WC)
10:30 a.m. - Circle #7 (Lou Noel)
11:30 a.m. - Circle #8 (BR)
4:00 p.m. - Family Bible Study (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Chorale Board (BR)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)
Wednesday, April 2
7:00 a.m. - Mens Bible Study (Conf Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
12:00 noon - Lenten Service & Lunch (Main St UMC)
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship (AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
6:00 p.m. - Youth (YR)
6:00 p.m. - Adult Small Groups (HR/FISH/Conf Rm)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 3
10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells
Friday, April 4
Saturday, April 5
9:30 a.m. - PGS (AH/Sanc/Choir Rm/Lobby)
12:30 p.m. - MOC Golf (Cold Springs)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by Charlie, Susie, Brady, Hudson, and Hazel Lloyd to the glory of God and in honor of Janna & Don McKale and Florence & Eddie Lloyd.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Melanie Banks and her family on the passing of her mother, Mary Edmonds, on March 24, 2025; and, to the family of Karen Short upon her passing on March 25, 2025. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

April 2nd:

5:30 dinner (Hamburger steak, baked potato, broccoli, garlic bread)

6:00 programming for all ages (nursery available)

(\$5/children, \$10/youth & adults)

Please RSVP by Monday at noon.

Check your Spire for details.

Silent Auction Dinner

On Sunday, April 13th from 6:00 – 8:00 in Alexander Hall. RSVP by paying \$30 per ticket on Realm or to Nan by Wednesday, April 2nd. Tickets include dinner plus live and silent auction bidding. Select salmon or pork tenderloin as your dinner option and if you will need to use the nursery when registering.

Mark your calendars early!

Camp Fellowship Worship & Picnic

will be May 18th!

Festivities already being planned – got ideas?

Contact Elise or anyone on CE.

Easter Lily Order Forms

are now available in the front lobby or by contacting the front office. Cost is \$22 each and deadline to order Monday, April 14th.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025
11:00 am



Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Music Associate/Guitarist -- Stephan Botchie
Noah's Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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GATHERING MUSIC Lenten Contemplation arr. William E. Moats
“Lord Jesus, Think On Me” (text: #417)
“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (text: #220)
“Ah, Holy Jesus” (text: #218)
Chancel Bells

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Hite
Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. *Ps. 100:1-2*
People: **Worship the Lord with gladness.**

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

PRELUDE “My Song is Love Unknown” LOVE UNKNOWN

LENTEN WREATH (*Psalm 102: 1-2, 24, 27-28*) The Justesen-Pruitt Family
Leader: Hear my prayer, LORD;
let my cry for help come to you.
People: **² Do not hide your face from me
when I am in distress.**
Leader: Turn your ear to me;
when I call, answer me quickly.
People: **²⁴ So I said:
“Do not take me away, my God, in the midst of my days;
your years go on through all generations.**
Leader: **²⁷ But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.**
People: **²⁸ The children of your servants will live in your presence;
their descendants will be established before you.”**
Leader: Today, we extinguish 5 purple candles.

OPENING HYMN* #394 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
WESMINSTER ABBEY

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION 2025 Confirmand Jenna Lucas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalm 102: 1-4, 17*)

Hear my prayer, LORD;
let my cry for help come to you.
**² Do not hide your face from me
when I am in distress.**
Turn your ear to me;
when I call, answer me quickly.
**³ For my days vanish like smoke;
my bones burn like glowing embers.**
**⁴ My heart is blighted and withered like grass;
I forget to eat my food.**
**¹⁷ He will respond to the prayer of the destitute;
he will not despise their plea.**

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE #463 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION
Stanzas 1, 5 only

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering Rev. Hite

Offertory “Write Your Blessed Name” K. Lee Scott

***Doxology** (On Screens) TALLIS’ CANON

***Dedication of the Offering** Rev. Hite

**As we have received, so now we give.
As Jesus has shown us, so now we do unto others,
as God has so graciously done for us.
Thanks be to God!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Elise Collins
*Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel*

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:1-12 Rev. Hite

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Musical Meditation

SERMON “7 Things to Do With a Stone”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles’ Creed*)

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** #402 “How Lovely, Lord” MERLE’S TUNE

***BENEDICTION** (*please remain for the Sung Benediction*) Rev. Hite

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

***SUNG BENEDICTION** (On Screens) “We Are Yours” GLICK

*(At the conclusion of the service, please share the peace with one another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)*

***POSTLUDE**

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated