

Service for the Lord's Day
February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "Flute Solo and Gigue" (Hwv 598 & 599) G. F. Handel

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Jane Garrison

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Alice Smith

INTROIT "We Have Seen" R. Steven Branyon
(We have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him, Alleluia!)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

We are salt for the earth.

We are a light for the world.

Just as no one hides a lamp away,
we will offer the world what only we can give.

In shining our lights, we will remember:

We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.

Grateful for mutual enlightenment,

we will not drown out another's beam with ours.

† HYMN 401 "Here In This Place" (v.1-4) Gather Us In

† CALL TO CONFSSION

Into this space we bring our weights and burdens—the things we have done or not done, said or not said. Trusting in God's mercy, let us lay down those burdens before God.

† PRAYER OF CONFSSION

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to you. We show off our piousness, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News: When we cry for help, God says, "Here I am!" When we ask for mercy, God grants it freely, longing for a closer walk with us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

† ACT OF PRAISE 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

† PASSING OF THE PEACE
May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**
As God's forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

Proclamation

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Alice Smith
(Ages 3yr old-2nd Grade may go to Little Disciples)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 112:1-10

ANTHEM "If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee"

Georg Neumark
arr. Jody W. Lindh

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, And hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whatever betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days; Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move. Only be still and wait His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content To take whatever thy Father's pleasure, and all discerning love hath sent; Nor doubt our inmost wants are known. To Him who chose us for His own. Sing pray and keep His ways unswerving; In all thy labor faithful be, And trust His Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shall find it true for thee; God never yet forsook in need. The soul that trusts in Him indeed.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-30

MESSAGE "God's Promise of Guidance"

Rev. Nick Setzer

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed"

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† HYMN 291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (v.1-4) Spirit

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Voluntary on "Galilee" arr. Edward Broughton

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.

† HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (v.1-3) CWM Rhonda

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION "Arise, Shine" R. Steven Branyon
(Arise, shine; for thy light has come.)

† POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune is C" Henry Purcell
(from the Baroque Opera "Bondoeca")

† Stand as you are able.

Handel, Mozart and Haydn all composed for musical clocks which were especially popular in the 18th century. These musical clocks can still be found in many castles throughout Europe. Behind the face of these decorative clocks, there were often small to medium pipe organs that on the hour, half hour and quarter hour would play rolls of music. Figurines would appear, visually entertaining the eye while the music entertained the ear. When these rolls were later studied in the 20th century, it gave the musicologists an idea of these composers' keyboard technique. Often the composers recorded these rolls themselves. It was then we were reminded of the technique of non-legato playing as a standard for early music. These musical clocks also symbolized to all who viewed or heard them of both the divine order and of our mortality. We are only allotted so much time on this earth, and we must choose to use it as wisely as possible.

Our church's Adopt-a-Grandparent Valentine's supper will be celebrated by our middle & high school youth on Sunday evening February 22 at 6pm in the McNeil Hall. A great meal, fun activities, laughs and smiles will be enjoyed. Please RSVP to Alice if you are planning to come by February 6th.

The Real Grandparent's Valentine's lunch will be hosted by our 3 yr. olds-5th graders on Sunday, February 15th following morning worship in the McNeil Hall. Their grandparents will enjoy a great meal & fun activities making memories.

Ladies' Revelation Bible Study Resumes

The Ladies' Bible Study of the book of Revelation has resumed after the holidays. We will meet at 6:00pm each Monday.

The 2026 flower calendar is open. Anyone who would like to (sponsor) the flowers during the coming year please contact Ree Dillon at 803-526-1098. January, February, March, April, May & June are taken.

The confirmation class and youth will meet twice a month for the next 5 months. They have a meal at their meetings. If anyone in the church would like to prepare supper or contribute money for a supper, please contact Alice or Molly. There are usually 14-20 youth and adults at these meetings. Thanks for your help in advance!

The Handbell Choir will resume their rehearsals on Monday nights from 5 til 6pm on February 16th. They will play on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and few other times during Lent. Let Alice know if you can join us.

Presbyterian Women are now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Iva Bryson Barnwell and Kitty Sandifer Scholarship. This opportunity is for all rising and current college and graduate students. Please contact the church or Liz Ann Hill (lizannhill15@gmail.com) for an application and to ask any questions. The applications are due by APRIL 1ST!

SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS....JUNE 22-25

Please notify the church office if your address, email or phone has changed over the last year. Thanks!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Dayton) that is suffering from a rare cancer), Wayne McCormick, Jr.(surgery), Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Leigh Dayton, Shane Vickery (friend of Jake Walden) Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Jim Ballard (Brother in law of Ann Lee), Lillian Carlisle (daughter of Jane Hiott Carlisle), Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Jackson (friend of the Waldens), Bill Herron(Leukemia),Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Lauren Bolin (niece of Terri Bratton) had twins, the twins are doing well and are being moved to progressive care , Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Rebecca Byrd (preschool teacher, broke her leg), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom) recovering from broken hip, Randy Street (son in law of Jane Ratliff heart transplant), Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Linda Lee (sister in law of Eddie & Ann Lee injured in auto accident), family of Gayle Sebastian, Liz Ann Hill (Surgery) & family of Martin Foster.

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Barbara & Bob Falls, Jane Spratt & Lorraine Stewart

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God.

LITTLE DISCIPLES

8 Melissa Allman
15 Lauren Klepinger
ACOLYTES
8 Eliana/Oscar Setzer
15 Carter Setzer/Rhodes Hill

NURSERY

Angie Pratt
Anna Templeton
CROSS BEARER
Elizabeth Hiott
Eliana Setzer

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Men's Meat'n is scheduled for Wednesday Feb. 11th. We will meet at church in the McNeel Hall for the annual Men's Oyster Stew. This long standing fellowship gathering is one not to be missed. Invite your friends and join in on the good food and fellowship.

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CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 2-8	8:30am PWCT 9:00am Finance Committee 9:30am Family Life Comm. 10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship/Souper Bowl of Caring/Dimes for Hunger 5:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth
Mon. 2-9	5:00pm-8:30pm Basketball Practice 6:00pm Ladies Bible Study 8:00pm AA
Tues. 2-10	7:45am Sr. Highs at Southern Touch 4:00pm Theology
Wed. 2-11	10:00am Acts Study 2:30pm KFC @1 st Pres. 5:30pm Congregational Care Committee 6:00pm Men's Oyster Stew 6:00pm Choir 8:00pm AA
Thur. 2-12	5:00-8:30pm Basketball Practice
Fri. 2-13	Basketball Biddy Under Basketball Biddy 8 & 9
Sat. 2-14	Basketball Mite Boys Basketball Girls 13 & Und
Sun. 2-15	10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship/Communion 12:00pm Grandparent Valentines Lunch 2:30pm Presbytery Meeting @Faith in Indian Land

SUMMER OF 2026 DATES FOR MONTREAT CONFERENCES ARE SET!

Youth Conference at Montreat July 11-18 (9th-12th)
Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 15th-19th (6th-8th)
Please put these dates on your calendars for next summer now! We have lots of youth who are eligible to go!

SPRING FAMILY RETREAT AT MONTREAT!

March 13, 14, 15, 2026

This is a great opportunity for our church family to enjoy the outdoors, fellowship, spiritual renewal and sharing together. Watch for more information soon, but put the dates on your calendar now!

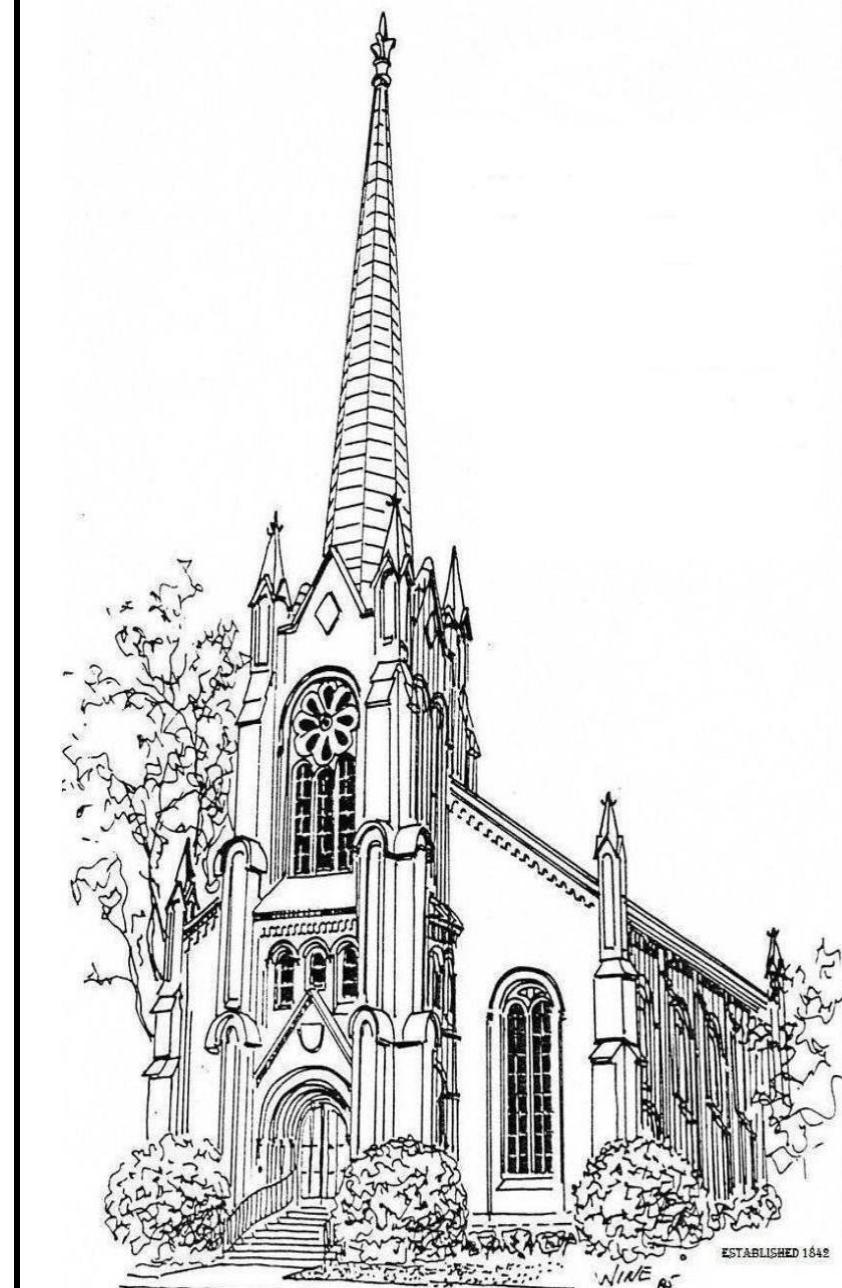
Mark your calendars, FEAST begins again on Ash Wednesday, February 18th at 6pm (Note time change)

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