

SERVICE THIS MORNING

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
	<u>Nursery:</u>	
Infants:	Joyce White	Allison Wyndham
Toddlers:	Paul Lomoriello	Kim Tatum
	Julia Ringley	Dawson McKinney
Preschool:	Ann Angle	Christy Oltmann
		Raleigh McCabe
	<u>Ushers:</u>	
	Michelle Kuhn, Bob Schaefer, John McManus, John Garver	Mike Fritz, Cindy Epps, Anne Cardozo, Larry & Judy Terrell
	<u>Offering Assistants:</u>	
	Dannie Vaughn	Ronnie & Kathryn Glenn
	Earl & Valerie Pettit	Andrew Glenn
	<u>Greeters:</u>	
	John & Carolyn Rogers	Laura Sizemore
	<u>Acolytes:</u>	
	Meredith Welfare	Mary Fields Spratt Cecelia Creech
	<u>Children in Worship (CIW):</u>	
Storyteller:	Julie Raischel	Beverly Bowman
Greeter:	Kim Fish	Leslie Montgomery
Helper:	Anne Hamilton	Amy Poore
Youth:	Laura Glenn	Raleigh McCabe

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN IN FIRST GRADE & YOUNGER:

Nurseries: (Pages are available for your convenience)

- **Infant Nursery** (Room S104 – Ms. Sylvia/Ms. Kisha): Birth through 18 months.
- **Toddler Nursery** (Room S103 – Ms. Carolyn): Children ages 18 months – 2 years.
- **Preschool Nursery** (Room S102 – Ms. Angie): Children ages 3 through 4 years (not attending CIW).
- If your child attends the Worship Service with you, s/he will be led to the appropriate nursery after the Children's Time.
- **Complete a *bright yellow* Child Identification Sticker**, found in the pew rack. Place it on your child's back. **Please check "nursery" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.**

Children may be picked up in the above rooms on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Our nurseries are open during both worship services and the Sunday school hour. Age-appropriate Bible stories and activities are offered in the Toddler and Preschool rooms each week.

Children in Worship: (children age 4 by September 1st, Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

- Bring the child into the worship service and **complete a *bright yellow* Child Identification Sticker**, found in the pew racks. Place it on your child's back. **Please check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.**
- After the Children's Time, children will be led to the **Historic Sanctuary**. Please pick up your child following worship at the side door of the **Historic Sanctuary**, under the covered walkway.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:45 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sunday School <i>Welcome to Unity</i> Coffee, Room M201
11:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:15 pm	MDSF Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
4:15 pm	Junior Choir, Choir Room
5:00 pm	Cherub Choir, Handbell Room Sunday Night Live & GCs Middle School Youth Group, YW
6:00 pm	SNL Family Dinner, FH
6:45 pm	High School Youth Group, YW

MONDAY, March 12:

10:00 am	Unity Creative Connections, Room U321
10:15 am	<i>Abiding in Christ</i> , Room M206
6:00 pm	Troop 108 Crossover, Historic Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Adult Discipleship Team Meeting, U321

TUESDAY, March 13:

8:00 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Stephen Ministry Supervision Group, FHP
10:00 am	Covenant Bible Study, Room U321
6:30 pm	Confirmation Planning Team, Room U321
7:00 pm	Outreach Team Meeting, Room M312

WEDNESDAY, March 14:

7:30 am	High School Youth Prayer Breakfast, FH
9:30 am	Adult Bible Study, Room M312
6:00 pm	Joyful Ringers, Handbell Room
6:30 pm	Take-Out Church Meeting, Room M210
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room Children's Ministry Team Meeting, M210

THURSDAY, March 15:

10:00 am	Presbytery Meeting, Faith Presby., Indian Land
6:30 pm	Youth Ministry Team Meeting, Room U321

FRIDAY, March 16:

10:15 am	Line Dancing, Fellowship Hall
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SUNDAY, March 18: Fifth Sunday in Lent/Commitment Sunday

8:45 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 am	Hospitality lunch Meeting, Room M210
12:00 pm	Communion Preparation Training, Room M312
4:00 pm	Honduras Informational Meeting, Room M210
4:15 pm	Junior Choir, Choir Room
5:00 pm	Cherub Choir, Handbell Room Sunday Night Live & GCs Middle School Youth Group, YW
6:00 pm	SNL Family Dinner, FH
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The Service for the Lord's Day Fourth Sunday in Lent March 11, 2018

The Organ Prelude is a veil dropped between everyday life and the Sanctuary. It is a sign for prayerful meditation and silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude *Aria* Manz

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Introit (11:00 a.m.) *The Servant Song* Gillard

Call to Worship

LEADER: Happy are those whose way is blameless

PEOPLE: who walk in the law of the Lord.

LEADER: Happy are those who keep the Lord's decrees,

PEOPLE: who seek the Lord with their whole heart.

ALL: Let us worship God.

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* Hymn of Praise No. 478 Lauda Anima
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* Call to Confession

LEADER: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit our brokenness to God.

* Prayer of Confession

UNISON: Almighty and merciful God, in whom we live and move and have our being: we confess that we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. Too much we have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts, and too little have attended to your good purposes for all. We have forgotten your mercy and ignored the cry of the needy and oppressed. Forgive us and change our hearts, so that we might be free for joyful obedience as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

* Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

LEADER: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Sisters and brothers, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

* Gloria Patri No. 579

Choir and Congregation

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:20-28

Anthem (8:45 a.m.)

Thy Perfect Love
Lauren Mobley, Soloist

Scott

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest;
and make me love thee of all things the best,
and wound my heart in thy love free,
that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

Therefore, be a reflection of God,
as dearly loved children;
and lead a life of love, just as Christ has loved us
and gave himself for us.

(11:00 a.m.)

In the Midst of New Dimensions
Chancel Choir

Bankson

If you wish to follow along, the text may be found
in the *Sing the Faith* hymnal on page 2238.

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Sermon

Rev. Mark Diehl

“Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations:
6. Doing What We Want to Become”

Text: “... whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ...”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

* Hymn of Response No. 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

* Affirmation of Faith

From *A Declaration of Faith*

UNISON: Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's Kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom; to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

UNISON: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Andante Religioso, from Sonata IV, opus 65
(Congregation is requested to sign the Welcome Pad at this time.)

Mendelssohn

Online giving option: UnityOnlineGiving.org (QR Code on next panel)

* Doxology No. 592

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

UNISON: For life and love, for a community of support and encouragement, for your grace that attends us in every challenge of life, we give you our thanks and praise. Accept these gifts as tokens of our lives dedicated to your kingdom's work. Through Christ our Lord, we make these offerings. Amen.

* Hymn of Commitment No. 415

Ora Labora

Come, Labor On

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response (11:00 a.m.)

The Servant Song

Gillard

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533

Bach

* Congregation Standing

--:-- Ushers will seat those waiting

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to those visiting with us this morning. We welcome you to Unity Presbyterian Church, its work and worship, its nurture and service, its comfort and ministry. Please sign the Welcome Pad as it comes to you, giving us your address and telephone number. We invite you to speak with one of the pastors, or check “wish to join” on the Welcome Pad, if you desire to be a part of this church family.

WELCOME PADS are located in each pew. Each person is requested to sign this pad and provide the appropriate information. Pass the pad to your neighbor and return it to its original position, so that everyone may learn the names of all on your pew.

BIBLES ARE LOCATED in racks underneath the pews.

HEARING DEVICES are available at the Information Center in the Narthex.

PLEASE REMEMBER to turn off or silence your cell phone prior to the beginning of worship services.

EVERYONE IS ASKED to welcome late-comers to worship by making room for them in the pews.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are welcome in worship. If you find that you need to leave the service to care for your child, Room M201 is open, and is connected to the sanctuary sound system. If you need directions, ask an usher in the Narthex.

WORSHIP BAGS ARE AVAILABLE for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools to help children engage in worship. Parents will find an instruction card included in the bag; please take time to read it. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, please put the used bag in the return basket.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, Ed & Joan Schlutter; her brother, Bill Schlutter; and her grandson, Edwin Busbee, by Ann Spitzer.

CONGRATULATIONS to Doug & Jody Davis in the birth of their grandson, “Neal Alan Claypool,” on February 28, 2018; and also to Bob & Cathy Schaefer in the birth of their grandson, “Charles Henton Cycak,” on March 6, 2018.



