



**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services**  
**March 30, 2025**

*"United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture, and service to all people."*

**WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE**

Prelude *With All My Heart* Joyful Ringers Wissinger

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship - *from Psalm 127 and Psalm 131*

ONE: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

**MANY: Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.**

ONE: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

**MANY: People of God, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

ONE: Let us worship the living God!

\* Hymn No. 712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

Prayer of Confession

**MANY: Gentle God, trusting in your tender mercy, we confess our sin to you with one another. We confess that we forget you. We are so concerned for our own comfort that we forget our neighbors. We are so attached to our own will that we forget yours. We are so aware of our need, we forget our calling. We are so pleased with our possessions that we forget that they are yours. Bring us back to mindfulness, God. Forgive us, and be generous with your grace. Heal our hearts, restore your Spirit in us, and re-create us in your image. Awaken us to your gifts in us, that we might live by them with trust and courage. Lord, have mercy on us, and grant us your peace as we lift our hands and our entire selves to you.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon - *from Psalm 128*

ONE: Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in God's ways. We walk this way only by God's grace and forgiveness. Hear and believe this good news!

**MANY: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

\* Congregational Response No. 63 *The Lord Is God* (stanza 1) AZMON

**The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

First Reading

Luke 14:25-33

## WELCOME

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a long-time member, we are blessed to have you with us.

As a congregation, we seek to live as people united in Jesus Christ. Our church consists of people of all ages and stages on faith's journey, from those new to faith to those who have honed their faith for decades. We consider this one of Unity's greatest gifts. We see ourselves as an ever-widening family with room for everyone. We tend to worship in some pretty traditional ways. We study the scriptures and seek to understand the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world.

We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning - a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper connection with the God who loves you! After the service, stick around for a few minutes. Introduce yourself to one of the pastors. If you cannot stay or are worshipping with us online, please visit our website. See if this is a place and a people that God is calling you to be a part of, a place and a people where you might invest yourself in the amazing work God is doing, a place and a people you just might call home.

Special Music

*No Hands But Yours*  
Libby Jane Egnor, Lily Pettus, Josephine Ryan

Shelton

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.  
All things pass, God does not change. Patience achieves everything.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone will suffice.  
Christ has no body on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which God sees.  
Yours are the feet doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which to bless.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing.  
Yours are the hands, yours are feet, yours are the eyes.  
You are God's body. God alone will suffice.

*-Text based on the words of Teresa of Avila (1515-1582).*

Children's Time

Congregational Blessing

*Go Now in Peace*

Sleeth

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Second Reading

Psalm 134

Sermon

"Lift Up Your Hands"

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich

Anthem (11:00)

*Total Praise*  
Chancel Choir

Smallwood, arr. Rao

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,  
knowing my help is coming from you.  
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength,  
you are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

\* Affirmation of Faith – *The Confession of 1967, 9.32*

**MANY: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. Christ's suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

Moment for Stewardship – Ned Chamberlain

The Lord's Supper and Presentation of Offerings and Pledges

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

**MANY: 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People and Offering of our Lives, Labors, and Pledges

*We celebrate by intinction today, so as you are invited by an usher, please come forward to take a piece of bread, dip the bread in the cup, and eat. Before returning to your seat, place your weekly offering and your 2025-26 pledge of your time, talents, and financial resources in the basket.*

*Gluten free wafers are found by the steps at the back of the sanctuary.*

\* The Doxology No. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

\* Prayer of Dedication After Communion

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* Hymn No. 694

*Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

Congregational Meeting

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response (11:00)

*Amen*

Smallwood/Rao

\* Postlude

*Fantasia on Psalm 134*

Zwart

\* As you are able in body or spirit, please stand.

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**DEACONS SERVING** today at the 8:45 a.m. worship service are Jim McMullen, Sarah Egnor, and Jim Smith; at the 11:00 a.m. worship service are Lauren Cole and Kara Miller.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available at the Deacons desk in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

**Leading Worship  
this morning:**

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Molly Spangler  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark Verdery  
Parish Associate

Beverly Tysinger  
Lay Worship Leader

Margaret Monroe  
Director of Music

**Acolytes:**

**8:45 a.m.**

Victor Ernst

Vance Ernst

**11:00 a.m.**

Caroline Cole

**Children's Ministry  
Staff:**

Kathryn McGregor  
Director of Christian  
Education

**Nursery Caregivers:**

Angie Benjamin  
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## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, WORSHIP, GROW, AND SERVE

### Worship

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper, also known as Communion. Communion is one of two sacraments in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated, we remember the meals Jesus shared with his disciples, we give thanks for the gifts God has given us, we receive hope for the future, and we commit ourselves to share God's love with the world. In the PC(USA), "The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding." The Lord's Supper is a 'heavenly mystery'; none of us can ever fully understand it. It is the decision of each parent/guardian when they want their child(ren) to begin participating in Communion. Parents are encouraged to have ongoing conversations with their child(ren) and consider welcoming their child(ren) to participate in the Sacrament as soon as the child(ren) express a desire.

**SANCTUARY WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED** - Please note that as you join us for worship in the Sanctuary, there is a possibility that you will be seen on the online livestream. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know by contacting Dr. Matt Rich at the church office at 803-547-5543.

**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. Ask an usher in the Narthex if you need directions.

**NURSERY IS AVAILABLE** during today's worship services in Room S104 for infants-18 months and S103 for toddlers/ preschoolers up through age 3. Both rooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary building. Our nursery is run by trained, paid staff with assistance from trained church volunteers. Age-appropriate Bible stories and activities are offered throughout the morning. Children may be dropped off up to 15 minutes prior to a worship service or may attend worship with you until the Children's Time, and then will be taken to nursery by our volunteers and staff. If your child plans to leave the service following Children's Time, please 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.

**CIW IS AVAILABLE** during today's worship services. "Children in Worship" is a Montessori-based worship program for young children (those who turned 4 before September 1st, 2024, those who are Rising Kindergarten and 1st graders as well as those who have just completed 1st grade). They learn to worship in a way that corresponds to corporate worship yet addresses their needs as young children. Please bring your child with you to worship in the sanctuary and complete a Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack, and place it on your child's back. Check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency. After the Children's Time, your child will be escorted to the CIW Room (M206) on the children's Sunday school wing.

### Children's Ministry

**VBS AND MISSION CAMP FOR THIS SUMMER ARE FULL WITH A LONG WAITING LIST.** Plan to register early next year to assure your child's spot.

**SHEPHERDS ARE NEEDED FOR VBS AND MISSION CAMP. SIGN UP NOW TO SERVE** - Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 9th - Thursday, June 12th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for children in Rising 4K-4th grade. Mission Camp will be held concurrently for children currently in Rising 5th and 6th grade. This year's theme is Road Trip: On the Go With God. Sign up now to volunteer and help us make this summer the best VBS ever! <https://unityfortmill.org/ministries/children/events/vbs-2/>.

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 4th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** If you are not currently Safe Place trained, please plan to stay for training from 3:00-4:00 pm. Mark your calendars now. Contact Kathryn McGregor at [KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org](mailto:KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org) for more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR GRANDS CAMP!** Grands Camp will be held this summer Wednesday, July 23rd – Friday, 25th. Grands Camp provides a unique opportunity for intergenerational ministry. Grandparents and grandchildren, ages 4 – 5th grade will enjoy time together through games, crafts, stories, mission projects, LEGOS and more. Up to 2 grandchildren may attend with each grandparent. Have more grandchildren than that? Bring an additional grandparent, either related or surrogate, or contact Kathryn McGregor to find additional surrogate grandparents. Don't have grandparents or grandchildren who can participate with you? Email Kathryn McGregor at [KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org](mailto:KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org) to sign up to be a surrogate grandparent or grandchild for another member of our congregation. **Registration opens April 7th.**

**JOIN US FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT!** Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders are invited to register now for the Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt & S'mores Event to be held **Friday, April 4th, from 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP by TOMORROW, March 31st, by scanning the QR Code OR** mark your calendars for our traditional Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages on Saturday, April 5th, at 10:00 a.m. for all ages. No registration is necessary. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for games, activities, and an egg hunt.



**GCS SPRING COOKOUT APRIL 13TH** - All current 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to our GCs Spring Cookout at the Springfield Pavilion on **Sunday, April 13th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** A special invitation is issued to our current 3rd graders who will be moving up to GCs in the fall. Join us for this fun night out to see what GCs is all about. We will eat dinner, play games, and recognize all of our 5th graders who will be leaving children's ministry this summer and moving to youth group in the fall. **Scan the QR Code and register by April 8th.**



### Congregational Care

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN** - Please join us for Lemonade on the Lawn on **Sunday, April 6th** in the conversation area after both worship services! Cookies and lemonade will be provided by the Congregational Care Team. April 6th is also Confirmation Sunday, so grab a cup of lemonade and celebrate with our confirmands and their family as we share in this fellowship opportunity together.

### Congregational Meeting

**THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH,** immediately following both worship services to elect the 2025 Nominating Committee. Those who will be nominated to serve are: Peter Olinger (elder and chair); Krista Renken (elder); Judd Glasco (deacon); Elizabeth Bowers (deacon); Wyndie Havnaer (Women of Unity); Jim Boyd (Men's Ministry); Bella Cardozo (Youth); Ken Tysinger (at-large member); and Kathryn Glenn (at-large member).

### Easter Memorials & Honorariums

**TODAY IS THE DEADLINE** for submitting **EASTER MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM** forms to the church office. Forms are available in the church office, are found in the Pews/Narthex, or can be downloaded from the church website at <https://unityfortmill.org/give/easter-memorials-and-honorariums/>. Please make your check payable to Unity and write 'Easter Memorial/Honorarium' on the memo line. A booklet listing these gifts will be available in the Narthex on April 13th.

### Endowment

**AS YOU CONTEMPLATE YOUR LEGACY,** please consider including Unity in your estate planning.

### Faith Formation

**MONDAY MUSINGS** meets each **Monday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** with the pastors in Room M201 for conversation about and study of Sunday's sermon and scripture texts.

**SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION** meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. There is a place for everyone! A list of all classes and room numbers are below. **Scan the QR code** to learn more about each adult offering and find the place that is right for you.



#### **Children**

Birth - 3 years: S103 & S104  
4K – Kindergarten: M203  
1st-2nd Grades: M205  
3rd - 5th Grades: M208

#### **Youth**

6th - 7th Grades: M106  
Confirmation (8th Grade): M107  
High School: M108

#### **Adults**

As a Child: M312  
Faith Connections: Historic Sanctuary  
Fellowship: M201  
Gospel of Matthew: M210  
Unity: M102

**LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION CONTINUES ON TUESDAYS** through April 15th at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Whether you are choosing to use the Draw Near Lenten Devotionals this year or not, you are invited to come when you are able to a brief prayer and reflection service offered each week during Lent that will be guided by the Psalms in that week's Lenten devotions. Services will last no more than 30 minutes. Choose the time that best suits you. Join us in the Historic Sanctuary for prayer and quiet reflection on a Psalm each week. No registration is necessary.

**JOIN US APRIL 13TH FOR A WAX MUSEUM AT 10:00 AM.** Our second annual Wax Museum will be performed by our 3rd-5th grade Sunday school class on Palm Sunday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Children are spending this month in Sunday school researching the stories of Old Testament Heroes. They will present costumed first-person stories of these every-day heroes. The whole congregation is invited to come hear a familiar story or one you've never heard before from scripture about the faithful people of God.

**NEW ADULT STUDY *FINDING MY STORY IN THE PSALMS* BEGINS MAY 1ST.** We often turn to the book of Psalms for spiritual encouragement, for assistance in worshiping God, or as model prayers. But do you see yourself in the Psalms? Do the Psalms tell your story? In this five-week class we'll explore five psalms that are rarely studied but that yield rich insights for answering questions like: *Who am I ... really? Where did I come from? How has God's hand been on my life? Can God ever forgive me for ...? How can I trust God more?* The class will be led by Steve Simon, who is a retired Presbyterian pastor and the author of the book *Holy Walks: Learning and Praying the Psalms*. We will meet on **Thursday evenings, May 1-29, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Room M204.** "Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord" (Ps. 107:43). **Scan the QR code to register.**



**SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE TO SCOTLAND: SAVE THE DATE** - Thank you to all who have expressed interest in taking an international spiritual pilgrimage trip. A trip to Scotland generated the most interest, so **plans are underway for a trip April 17-25, 2026. Check your calendars and save the dates.** Watch for more information soon.

### Health Ministry

**SAVE THE DATE FOR CPR!** Innovative Solutions will return to our campus on **Saturday, May 3rd**, to offer certification in Heartsaver CPR through the American Heart Association. The class will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and last approximately 2-1/2 hours. Participants will learn CPR and choking first aid for infants, children and adults. Use of the campus AEDs will also be included. The class fee is \$50.00. Sign-up is required to ensure the correct number of instructors. However, no payment is due until the day of class. Innovative Solutions requests payment in cash. **To register, call the church office at 803-547-5543 or Susan Benfield at 803-984-6100.** Increase your knowledge and ability to respond with confidence! Join us for a few hours. Your knowledge could save a life.

### Hospitality & Evangelism

**CONNECTIONS CLASS** - If you are curious about membership or have decided that this is the time for a commitment to Unity Presbyterian Church, please come to our **Connections Class, beginning TODAY, Sunday, March 30th, and continuing on Sunday April 6th.** Members of the H&E committee will welcome you in the **Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.** The class will give you a brief overview of the many opportunities to participate in the life of Unity, a little introduction to our history, an opportunity to meet a few staff members, and ask any questions you may have about the church and our beliefs. If you have any questions, please contact Cathey Miller, Chair of the H&E committee, at (704)724-6813 or at [cat6813@hotmail.com](mailto:cat6813@hotmail.com). We will be waiting to meet you with coffee and donuts!!

### Outreach

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** - This offering began following World War II when Protestant churches in the United States made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of devastated areas, primarily in Europe and Asia. With the devastation occurring in Ukraine and other countries abroad, as well as the destruction occurring in the United States from severe storms, hurricanes, flooding, and blizzards, assistance continues to be needed. Each gift to OGHS supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Unity will receive the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering on EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th.** For more information or to give, visit: <https://unityfortmill.org/give/special-offering/>.

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT** - The Unity Outreach Team is sponsoring a Second Harvest Food Distribution event on **Friday morning, April 25th, 2024 from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.** All ages are invited to come participate! Please come and help distribute food by parceling and loading food into grocery carts, and placing the food into our guest's cars. Bring any paper or plastic grocery bags that you have available. Volunteers to transport any remaining foods to the Fort Mill Care Center is appreciated, and to help recycle cardboard and shipping pallets. Please call or text Jim Boyd if you have questions (803.984.2277).

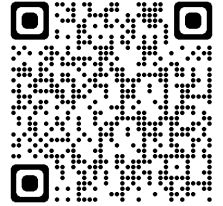


## Stephen Ministry

**UNITY PRESBYTERIAN IS A STEPHEN MINISTER CHURCH** - Stephen Ministers are members of Unity Presbyterian Church who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. To find out more about how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Susan Mobley or Dave Johnson, via email at [Stephenministryreferrals@unityfortmill.org](mailto:Stephenministryreferrals@unityfortmill.org) or call Rev. Molly Spangler at (803) 547-5543.

## Stewardship

**TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY!** If you need additional forms or a description booklet, they can be found in the cart in front of the Deacons' desk. If you forgot to bring your forms with you today, you can still participate today with a Commitment Notice form available in the pew racks. After today, commitments can be placed in the offering plate next Sunday, or dropped off or mailed to the church office. If you prefer to communicate your choices online, you can do so by logging into REALM. To indicate how you would like to serve, choose "Serving" and then browse "Opportunities". Click on items you are interested in and "Submit your Interest" directly to team leaders. You can also indicate your pledge through REALM by choosing "Giving" and then "Pledges" and clicking "+ Pledge".



## Ushering Committee

**EASTER IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE** in ways you may not have done before. Because of the number of services and attendees we anticipate, additional hands are greatly needed to greet, usher, collect offering and assist with parking. Here are the needs for each service:

- Maundy Thursday: 2 greeters/ushers
- Good Friday: 2 greeters/ushers
- Easter Sunday: 7AM - 1 greeter/usher; 8:45 AM and 11AM - 10 greeters/ushers and 3 parking attendants.

If you have questions, wish to serve, or would like to form a group to take on one or more roles, please contact Justin Richardson ([justin.richardson1@gmail.com](mailto:justin.richardson1@gmail.com) or text 980.579.8565) or sign up on Realm.

## Women of Unity

**PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH** with all things happening with the Women of Unity by sending an email to [wouministry@gmail.com](mailto:wouministry@gmail.com). We would love to add you to our communications! Follow us on Instagram: [@woufortmill](https://www.instagram.com/woufortmill).

## Worship & Music

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - You can still join us for children's choir **TODAY!** We meet in the choir room at **3:00 p.m.** All children 3K-grade 5 are invited to participate. Parents, please register any children singing for the first time this school year **using the QR code** (returning singers do not need to register again). Contact Margaret Monroe at [mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org](mailto:mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org) or 547-5543 with any questions.

**YOUTH HANDBELLS** - All Youth grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a handbell choir just for you! We will rehearse after 11:00 worship on the following Sundays: April 6th, April 13th, April 27th, and May 4th. We will then play in worship on Sunday, May 11th at both services. We'll go over basic note reading and ringing techniques. Please **sign up using the QR code** to reserve your spot, or contact Margaret Monroe at [mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org](mailto:mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org) or 803-547-5543.

**CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT** - Join us for a classical music concert in our sanctuary on **Sunday, April 6th at 4:30 p.m.** The concert will feature music for trumpet, voice, and piano by composers such as Bach, Handel, and Rachmaninoff. Performers are soprano Jennifer Ferreira, trumpeter Keenan Harmon, and pianist Dr. Greg Thompson. The concert is free and open to the public, but donations will be accepted.

**THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST** - Join us Palm Sunday for a special presentation of *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Théodore Dubois. The Chancel Choir will present this moving work at **both worship services on Sunday, April 13th**, featuring soloists from the choir, as well as guest instrumentalists. Journey with us to the cross to hear Christ's last words, which have been used for centuries by Christians as a way to pray for others, to reflect on their own lives, and to approach the cross of Christ and the empty tomb in a new way.



**2025 FLOWER CALENDAR** - Would you like to honor a family member, friend, or a special group of people? Placing fresh flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God is a perfect way to remember and celebrate a special person/s or occasion in your life. You may order flowers from a local florist or provide your own arrangement with flowers from your yard or another place of business that sells fresh-cut flowers. Your name along with the name or occasion being honored will be printed in the church bulletin. You may visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA5A729A0FCC25-53403724-unity#/> and complete the steps for selecting your choice of Sunday(s). All instructions are included. If you have questions, please contact Michaela Braswell at [mbraswell@UnityFortMill.org](mailto:mbraswell@UnityFortMill.org) or 803-547-5543 ext. 130). Early sign-up is recommended to ensure the Sunday of your choice.

### Youth Ministry

**ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN FOR BOWLING TODAY** from 3:30-5:30pm! **Scan the QR code** to see if there is still space to register. Youth will meet at Lake Wylie Pins n' Wins (4034 Charlotte Highway).



**SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION CLOSING THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST!** It's your last chance to register for a summer trip. Unity Youth are headed to St. Simons, Massanetta Springs, and Montreat Conference Center and we want YOU to join us. Register now on Realm.

**ALL CURRENT 7TH GRADERS & THEIR PARENTS INVITED TO THE CONFIRMATION INFORMATION LUNCHEON** on 4/13 at 12:15 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary! Come learn about the Confirmation process and gather around the table as we begin to build community together. Please RSVP to Liz ([lcorsig@unityfortmill.org](mailto:lcorsig@unityfortmill.org)) by Monday, April 7th.



Hymns for March 30, 2025  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Hymn

*As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

FOREST GREEN

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,  
so we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering that all may truly live.  
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Hymn

*Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,  
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.  
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,  
transforming broken people into the holy church.  
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

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