

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**with**  
**with Confirmation and Reception**  
**March 15th, 2026**  
**One Bread, One Body, One Spirit**

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin  
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker

# Welcome to our Church

**WELCOME**

to

## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

We are delighted you are seeking God in this special place. We want you to know that wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome to ask your questions here.

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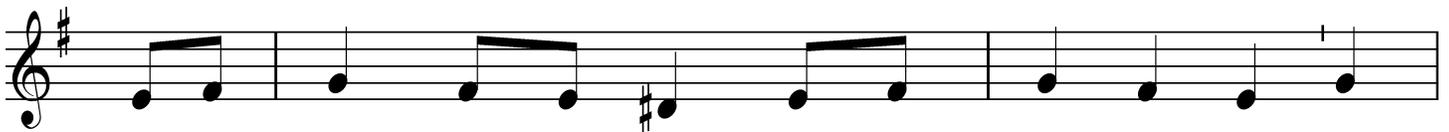
## Prelude

*Air (from Water Music)*

*G.F. Handel (1685-1759)*

## Welcome and Announcements

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #143 The Glory of these Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Leiden*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## Opening Acclamation

Bishop: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's Mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

## Gloria S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.”

And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

## Psalm 23

### *Dominus regit me*

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

**you have anointed my head with oil,**

**and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## Second Reading

## Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

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## Sequence Hymn #339 Deck Thyself, O My Soul, with Gladness

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All are seated*

**The Sermon**

*The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin*

*A time of silence following the sermon.*

## **Presentation of the Candidates for Confirmation and Reception**

*The Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

*The Presenter says*

I present the following people for Confirmation and Reception.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Jenna Johnson

Makala Sheets

Al Barrett

Debbie Barrett

### **RECEPTION**

James Burch

Shelia Burch

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates*

I do.

*Bishop*

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates*

I do, and with God's Grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support our Confirmands in their life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

*The Bishop then says*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions.*

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*A period of silence follows.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one individually and says:*

***Confirmation: Jenna, Makala, Al & Debbie***

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant, *Jenna*, with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of her life. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant, *Makala*, with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of her life. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servants, *Al and Debbie* with your Holy Spirit; empower *them* for your service; and sustain *them* all the days of their life. **Amen.**

***Reception: James & Shelia***

*Jim and Shelia*, we recognize you as members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants: let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

✧ *“The Peace” is a Christian tradition deriving its roots from Jesus himself who greeted people saying, “Peace be with you.” “The Peace” may feel awkward if you are new or an introvert or trying not to be noticed. We take this portion of our worship seriously as we live in a deeply divided world full of violence. These actions in God’s house model what we are called to do in the world.*



**Bishop:** The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Offertory

### Offertory Anthem

**Lord of All Hopefulness**

*(for text, see Hymn#482)*

*arr. Philip Moore (b.1943)*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP page 367*

Presider and People Sing: *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. A-men.*

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bishop: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **SANCTUS—Hymn #125**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider *continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with our Patron, Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name,  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. AMEN.**

## **Fraction**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

#### **Fraction Anthem**

#### **Eat This Bread Taizé**

*(sung multiple times)*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread,  
drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

## The Invitation to Communion

Bishop: The gifts of God for the people of God...

*This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you have little, you who have been here often and you have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you.*

You will now have three ways to receive communion:

**In one kind**--this means you receive only the bread or only the wine. Receive the bread by extending your hands, palm upward, when the presider comes to you and then leaving the rail or crossing your hands over your chest when the chalice comes to you.

To receive the wine only, cross your hands when the bread is presented and then drink from the chalice by gently assisting the chalice bearer by grasping the base of the chalice lightly to help guide it to your lips.

**Intinction (having the bread dipped in the wine and placed in your hand) is only done by the presider from the intinction tray. To receive communion by intinction simply keep your hands down by your sides as we have been doing. Then raise them to take intincted bread between thumb and forefinger.**

**In two kinds**--this is where you consume both the bread and the wine either by receiving the bread and then drinking from the chalice or by Intinction.

There is no intinction by multiple individuals from the chalice.

*Gluten free wafers available upon request.*

*Please stand or kneel as desired.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Bishop: Let us pray,  
**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, God, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

May this holy season be for each of us  
a time of moving beyond what is “predictable”  
and toward the star of wonder;  
moving beyond grasping tight to what we have,  
to unclenching our hands and letting go,  
following the Light wherever it leads;  
And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you desire.*

## Recessional Hymn #490 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

Fantasy in G Major

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*A reception will be held In the Parish House immediately following the service.*

*As is customary, today's undesignated offering on the occasion of the Bishop's visit will go to the Diocesan Office.*

*\*\*Please note that neither Mother Stephanie nor St. Paul's will ever send out an e-mail or text communication requesting money, gift cards, etc. If you receive any suspicious communications like this, please ignore and delete these communications. Contact the Parish Office at any time with questions or concerns regarding possible scams.\*\**

# PRAYER LIST

*Please remember in your prayers:* All who are ill or unemployed and those who are on our prayer list.

## Short-term

Ray Jameson, Rick Moretz, Kim Tetzlaff, Doug Merritt, Shannon Ryan, Jamie Tate

## Long-term

Michael Morrison, Cade Gibbs, Ray Call, Steve Jackson, Ken Asel, Shane Jenkins, Kaye Hall, Dot Beamon, Da'Shon Horton, Rose Andrews

## Armed Forces

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially John Craine, Micha Duerk, Faith Lankford, Cole Griffith, Zach Necessary, Jason Westmeyer, and all others who serve throughout the world.

**Prayer requests can be submitted through the prayer request form by scanning the QR code below, or by contacting the office.**





March 19th—Gerry Peabody

March 21st—Jeff Beard

No anniversaries this week.



**Serving Today**

**Altar Guild: Sharon Greene, Bonnie Merritt**

**Reader: Linda Schneider**

**Acolytes: Laurie Love, Drew Mayberry**

**Usher: Bob Houghton**

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**Streaming Ministry: Rachel Minick, Gerry Peabody**

**Vestry Lock-Up for March: Diane Peabody**



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