

Fairview United Methodist Church
March 1, 2026

**SECOND
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



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11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

**Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for
worship.

****PRELUDE**

Lead Me Lord

A. Jennings

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us to set out in faith.

People: The love of God leads us home.

Leader: Christ blesses us that we might bless others.

People: The blessings of Christ heal our world.

Leader: The Holy Spirit strengthens us for the journey.

People: The power of the Spirit sustains and supports us.

Leader: The One who made heaven and earth meets us here.

ALL: AMEN

CHORAL RESPONSE

***GATHERING HYMN**

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us vs. 1,2,3 UMH # 381

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Lenten Creed

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father UMH # 70

CHORAL ANTHEM The Miracle of Grace Metzger/arr. Barrett

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS Into My Heart TFWS # 2160

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Maker of heaven and earth, when we face times of trial, lift our eyes to the hills to find our help. You meet us in our need, and you lift us from the cares and toils that weaken our spirits and sap our strength. Call us this day as you called your followers of old, for we long experience your awesome power and respond with faithful hearts and willing spirits. Bless us each day, that we might share the promise of your blessings with a world struggling to find its way. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH # 420

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 12:1-4A

SERMON

From Dust to Breath: What God Does with Broken People

When God Calls Us Forward

Sermon Series Week 2 Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY

Our Prayer

D. Sanders

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH No. 95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMNAL 20-22 (MUSICAL SETTING C)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS OR ANY

CHURCH.

***SENDING HYMN**

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

UMH # 424

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

R. Perry

ACTIVITIES – March 1 – March 8

Today: Trustees Meeting 8:30 A.M.

Monday, March 2

Pantry – 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, March 4

Food Truck Delivery 11:00 A.M.

Volunteers are needed to help unload.

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 5

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, March 6

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, March 7

Open Door Meeting 4 P.M.

Sunday, March 8

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Duke Lunsford

Trustee

Jan Mains

Greeter

Florence Carwell

Kids' Bible

Class Teacher

Jackie Mergler

VAN DRIVER FOR MARCH 8

Van Request: Wayne -- 937- 369-7040

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- [Exodus 17:1-7](#)
- [Psalm 95](#)
- [Romans 5:1-11](#)
- [John 4:5-42](#)

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday.

For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

KIDS' BIBLE CLASS

Our *Kid's Bible Class* is a meaningful time where children ages 1-9 learn to listen, and connect with God, through Bible stories, prayer, and fun activities linked to the lesson. After the lesson, they enjoy play that helps them build friendships, practice sharing, and grow in kindness—all in a safe and loving environment led by a Teacher and Attendant.

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougale,

Director of Music Michelle Forshaw, **Church Musician** Nancy Collins,

Treasurer Fred Poland, **Audio Visual Technician** Roger Christian, **Church**

Custodian Vance Garner **Kids' Bible Class Attendant** Oscar Ndayisaba