

## Entrance

### Gathering

#### \*Call to Worship

Called by God, we have come to worship.  
Called by Christ, we have come to follow.  
Called by the Spirit, we have come to rejoice.  
Called together, we will listen and pray.

#### \*Opening Prayer

Holy God, we gather to sing your praise and hear your word. Speak to us now, that we may be wise enough to perceive your call. Strengthen us now, that we may be brave enough to answer when you call. Guide us now, that we may follow where you would have us go. In Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn            *Open My Eyes, That I May See – Hymn 454*

### Proclamation and Response

#### Prayer of Illumination

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Scripture Reading – *Luke 5:1-11*

Lee Hauser

Sermon            *Fishing for People*

Mark Gustafson

\*Prayer of Confession and Pardon

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\*Passing the Peace

Offering / *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn

*Jesus Calls Us – Hymn 398*

Sending Forth

\*Benediction / Going Forth

Happy Birthday to Delana Faircloth (2/18), Angie Tatum (2/20), and Dave Valenzuela (2/21)!

Happy Anniversary to Mike & Lisa O'Donnell (2/21)!

We pray today for Andrea Solomon, Trista Watkins, Abigail Young, Nikita Wooten-Smith, and Makenna Phillips at Elizabethtown Primary School.

The cover art is given to the glory of God by Tori Allen.

You may sign up to give flowers by contacting Pastor Mark or by filling out our online sign-up Google Doc.

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## Announcements

### Elizabethtown Community Lenten Services: (all at noon)

- Feb. 21: St. Christopher's Episcopal. Dayton Wilson preaching.
- Feb. 28: Elizabethtown Presbyterian. Brenda Flowers preaching.
- March 6: Trinity. Jason Williams preaching.
- March 13: First Baptist. Corey Lyons preaching.
- March 20: Foundation. Rudy Ramphal preaching.

Please plan to participate in our Lent study, which will be on *Simon-Peter* by Adam Hamilton. We will meet on Monday nights at 7 p.m. to discuss. You may purchase the book and begin reading, as we will cover 1 chapter per week. This will start on Monday, February 19 at Bethlehem UMC and via zoom.

Compassionate Care Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 12 p.m. at the library.

Wonderful Wednesday: February 21, 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a meal and fellowship!

Building Committee: Thursday, February 22, 7 p.m. at the library.

Sunday, March 3: First Food Sunday will collect for Bladen Crisis.

Items needed include non-perishable foods in 15-16 oz can size, cereals, canned meats, etc. Also needed: Paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items for homeless and burnout victims. Thank you!

Thank you for being the church this past week in support of a family desperately in need. Please pray for this anonymous family and all families with children doing their best to live their best lives every day.

### **The BLOG (Bethlehem /Live Oak/ Grace) Prayer List:**

*Mentioned 1/21/2024:* Destone Merritt; Betty Davis; Joe's wife (Joe is a resident at Crossroads); Patty Scotten; Jonnie Moore; Laci Buffkin; the family and friends of Amira Johnson, two unnamed, separate, families losing a teenager and baby this past week.

*Mentioned 1/28/2024:* Kathy Lee; Tim Scotterd; Dunham Pate; Carol Brindenburg; Betty Tatum's uncle Denny; Ginny Edge; Christy Smith; Chris Hill; Francis Ogden; Margaret Ledford; Faye Richardson; the family and friends of Susan Fisher, Harold Hobbs, and Tryon Lancaster.

*Mentioned 2/4/2024:* Johnny Dowless; Earl Coble; Rodney Hester; West Coast flooding; Stella Batton; Jan Evans; Joyce Strickland; Betty Joyce Blackman; Mordekai Barfield; the family and friends of Rodney Lancaster.

*Mentioned 2/11/2024:* Gene Woltman; Mary Cain; Jacob Chavis; Linda Schaeffer; Debbie Johnson; Darby Bordeaux; Annette Meares; all those affected by the UNC-P shootings; Keith John; Jeremy McLean.

*Prayers this week:* Ronnie Canady; Tori Allen; Chicky and Janice Robbins; Steve and Debbie Dunham; Henrietta Martin; Beth Nance; Sylvia Wilson and family; Joy Grady and family; Freeman Taylor and family; Terry & Karen McPhail; Matthew Krause; Cole Fisher; Harold Sasser; Billy & Stella Cain; the family and friends of Jim Knotts.

# *Grace United Methodist Church*

## **February 18, 2024**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

### **Worship Service 8:30 am**

### **Our Mission**

*To become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

### **Our Vision**

*We welcome everyone into the experience  
of a different story!*

