

3rd Sunday in Lent / Baptism



MARCH 20, 2022  
IN-PERSON Service (+ LIVESTREAM)  
09:30 a.m. @ Union Grove UMC  
11:30 a.m. @ Willow Grove UMC

# LENT

lament. repent. anticipate.



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mar 20 (Sun) 3rd Sunday in Lent | Baptism

**IN-PERSON SERVICE**

+ Online Worship (Livestream) 09:30 a.m. [CLICK HERE](#)

Baptism: ELLIOT KURTZ

Hour: 09:30 a.m. @ UGUMC

Mar 20 (Sun) Food Donation for *Mission Teens*

Drop-Off: by 11 a.m. @ UG | 12:45 p.m. @ WG

\*Groves Ministries Membership Record Update

The Form available at church / online

2022 Bible Reading Campaign: **EVERYDAY with JESUS**

Join us reading the whole Bible in a year!

03.20 (Sun) 1 Samuel 19 - 1 Samuel 23

03.21 (Mon) 1 Samuel 24 - 1 Samuel 26

03.22 (Tue) 1 Samuel 27 - 1 Samuel 29

03.23 (Wed) 1 Samuel 30 - 2 Samuel 1

03.24 (Thu) 2 Samuel 2 - 2 Samuel 4

03.25 (Fri) 2 Samuel 5 - 2 Samuel 7

03.26 (Sat) 2 Samuel 8 - 2 Samuel 10

03.27 (Sun) 2 Samuel 11 - 2 Samuel 15

2022 Year-Round Shoebox Packing Gift Collection

Drop-Off: @ Union Grove UMC | Willow Grove UMC

Collection Schedule:

March: Quality Crafts | April: Stuffed Animals

Mar 23 (Wed) 2022 LENTEN Bible Study (6-Week Session)

Online Registration: [CLICK HERE](#) | Offline @ Church

Study Schedule: Mar 9 – Apr 13 every Wednesday

- 6pm @ Willow Grove UMC Fellowship Hall

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Mar 26 (Sat) WG Clean-Up Day

09:00 a.m. @ Willow Grove UMC

Mar 30 (Wed) Prayer Ministry Meeting

07:10 p.m. @ Willow Grove UMC Fellowship Hall

## CELEBRATION OF THIS WEEK

Mar 20 (Sun) Katie Ivin's Birthday

Sammy Abate's Birthday

Mar 29 (Tue) Ryan & Tara Donelson's Anniversary

Apr 1 (Fri) Goldie Costa's Birthday

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!

*We seek God's presence in our lives.*

Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.

*Even though we have not produced the "fruits" of hope that God seeks, yet God forgives and heals our weakness.*

Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

*We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God's presence. AMEN.*

## INVOCATION

Living and faithful Spirit, the God in whom we live and move and have our being, the God who is made known in Christ Jesus, bless us one and all as we wait on you this day.

Please remove from our minds and hearts whatever impediments hinder worship or dampen our joy. Increase within us that holy longing for closeness which can open our lives to fuller delight and to a deeper commitment so that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you.

May our hymns and prayers, our searching thoughts, and our hearing of the Scriptures, be an exercise in the holiest love making. By you, with you and for you, may our lives publish your praise. In the name of Christ Jesus. AMEN.

## OPENING SONG

Your Name

(<https://youtu.be/8RcpSrcuH18>)



1. As morning dawns and evening fades You inspire songs of praise That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify your name

**[Chorus]** Your name is a strong and mighty tower Your name is a shelter like no other Your name, let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save But your name

2. Jesus, in your name we pray Come and fill our hearts today Lord, give us strength to live for you and glorify your name

**[Chorus]** Your name is a strong and mighty tower Your name is a shelter like no other Your name, let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save But your name

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, we come here today in fellowship with one another setting aside this time solely for you. To offer you praise and worship, to hear you speak to us, and to leave here shaped a little bit more into the likeness of Jesus Christ. So we come humbly and quietly before you.

O God, we thank you for those times this week where we smiled and laughed, those times of friendship enjoyed, of meals shared, those times when we appreciated the beauty of nature, when we felt a peace in our hearts, when we paused to be grateful for the life you have given us. For all of these, and so much more, we know that we are blessed. And in gratitude and joy, we pray, **Lord in your mercy..**

For our days of difficulty and struggle, for the times when we have been less than our best, we give you thanks that you do not turn away from us and that we are never alone. Lord, for those who are sick, suffering, lonely, misguided, or just in need of your presence, we ask that you would touch them with your healing, with your guidance, with your peace. Hear us now as people in this congregation lift out loud the names of those for whom we ask your blessing.

Lord, we lift to you our church. We want to be used by you to make a difference in the lives of others. The need for hope, acceptance, love and compassion is great, and you are the answer to those needs.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Lord, for the confidence and joy and hope we have because we walk daily with you. Enable us to find the courage to really believe in you, that your healing love may permeate our souls and prepare us for true witness. We give you thanks and praise in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.



## HYMN OF PRAISE (\*W&S 3100)

Jesus Paid It All  
(<https://youtu.be/iaZbqDd33Yw>)

1. I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

**[Refrain:]** Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone, Can  
change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone. **[Refrain]**

3. For nothing good have I Where-by Thy grace to claim; I'll wash  
my garments white In the blood of Cal'ry's Lamb. **[Refrain]**

4. And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat. **[Refrain]**

## PSALTER READING (UMH 766)

Psalms 32

## MESSAGE

Turning In a New Direction

## SACRAMENT: HOLY BAPTISM (UMH 033)

Name of a Candidate: **ELLIOT KURTZ**

Parents: Krystal & Richie Kurtz

## OFFERING

Offering (CHECK) by mail to:

**UG \_ Krissi Reed** (50 Burt St, Bridgeton NJ 08302)

**WG \_ Cheryl Fox** (1940 Coles Mill Rd, Franklinville NJ 08322)

Offering by ONLINE (Church Website):

Paypal \_ <https://groveschurches.org/give>

## CLOSING HYMN (UMH 368)

My Hope Is Built

(<https://youtu.be/sQrLcyriDs4>)



1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood  
and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**[Refrain:]** On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on  
his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me  
in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him  
be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand  
before the throne! (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION