



REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 - 10AM

1118 UNION ST. COLUMBIA, SC 29201

All are welcome!



THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

Third Sunday in Lent

SUNDAY, March 3, 2024 10:00AM

REGULAR PRINT = PRESIDING MINISTER OR ASSISTING MINISTER

BOLD PRINT = CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

✝ = AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS MAY BE
MADE BY ALL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR BAPTISM

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Words to be spoken or sung by the assembly are indicated in bold type.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the
presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves
into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your**

Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

HYMN FOR GATHERING

Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter, 1963

SIMPLE GIFTS

American Shaker Hymn

1. "I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, And I
 2. "I danced for the Scribe and the Phar-i-see, But they
 3. "I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. But the
 4. "I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black. Oh, it's
 5. "They cut me down and I lept up high. For

danced in the moon dance and the stars and the sun, And I
 would not dance and they would not fol-low me, So I
 ho-ly dance peo-ple said it was a shame. So they
 hard to dance with the dev-il on your back. Then they
 I am the Life that will nev-er, nev-er die; And I'll

came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth: At
 danced for the fish-er-men, for James and the John, They
 whipped me and they stripped me and they hung me high. They
 bur-ied my bod-y, and they thought I'd gone, But
 live in you if you'll live in me, For

Beth-le-hem I had my birth. Dance, then, wher-
 came with me, and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance, and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the dance," said He.

ev-er you may be. I am the Lord of the dance," said He, "And I'll

lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be-- and I'll lead you all in the dance," said He.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

II Corinthians 13: 13

And also with you.

God has shown us what is good, and what then is required of us?
**To act justly, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Micah 6: 8

Jesus says, “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,
and anyone who welcomes me
welcomes the One who sent me.”

Matthew 10: 40

The Spirit says, “Come.”

**Let each one who hears the Spirit say, “Come,”
for all are welcome here.**

Revelation 22: 17

In this service, let us draw near to our Reconciling Redeemer,
who knows our hearts and is able to mend our souls,
to strengthen and sustain us,
to reconcile our broken relationships and heal our wounds.

Let us worship God now

**With words that proclaim God’s inclusive love,
With works that bring forth God’s powerful justice
And with worship that rejoices in God’s wondrous presence.
Now and always.
Amen!**

HYMN of PRAISE

Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and psalm.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from Exodus.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² **Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ **yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.**
- In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**
- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ **Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.**
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸ **the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**
- ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² **But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**
- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
- Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: First Corinthians 1:18-25

A reading from Second Corinthians.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Holy Ground



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

MESSAGE

South Carolina State Senator, Tameika Isaac Devine

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
 let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

The assembly stands together as we confess our faith.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 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,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.

Prayers of the Church and Response

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with chords in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Em Em/D Am/C D G/B C Am B

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, an-swer me.

Em Em/D Am/C D Em/G Am7 B Em

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come, and lis-ten to me.

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance.

Hear us, O God.

O Lord, hear my prayer...

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick. You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Command your angels concerning all who are sick, especially those we remember silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips (*pause*) *Sharon T. Baldwin, Jill and Marc Mann and family; Caroline Swartz (niece of Lynn Black), and her family; Liz Stanck; Tracy Hamiter; Connie Pool; Bobbie Prosser; Sarah Trani; H.B. Eleazer; Jeff Harrell; James Deckle; family and friends of Peg Thompson (nephew, Dave Walter; uncle, Eddie Lawson; friend, Vickie Henderson and friend - Candy Pennington).* God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The assembly remains standing for sharing the Peace.

PEACE

ELW pg. 106

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

The OFFERING & OFFERTORY

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offertory Anthem

"Put Your Hand in the Hand"

Choir

Doxology

Eternal Are Your Mercies, Lord

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line and concludes with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many whole and half notes. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands.

E - ter - nal are Your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -

tends Your Word; Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,

'Til suns shall rise and set no more. A - men.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

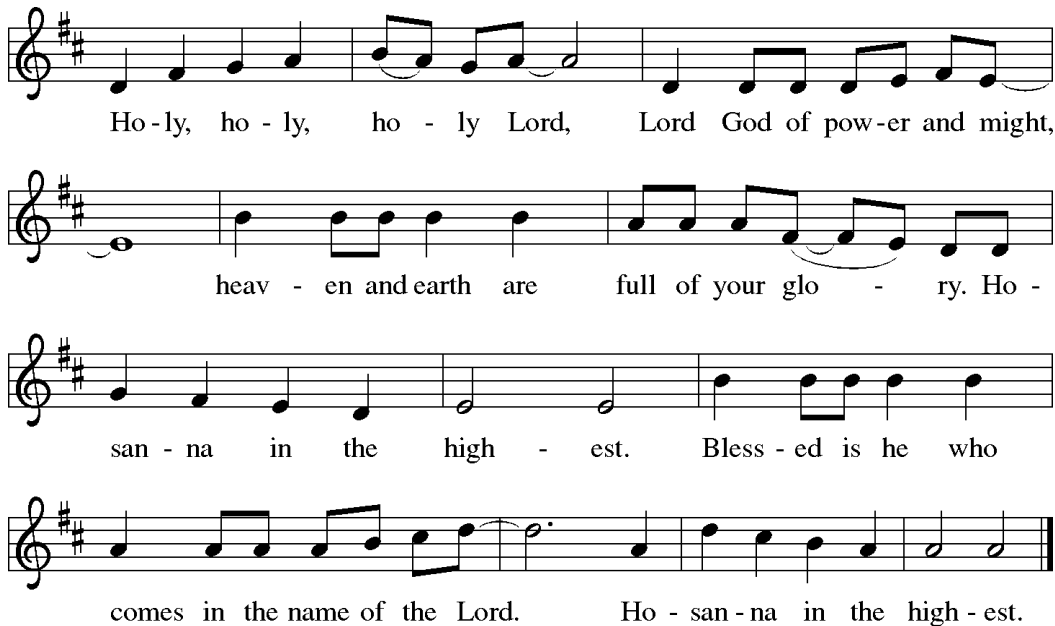
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE and SANCTUS (spoken)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our
sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial and de -
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the power and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORSHIP IS THIS SHARED MEAL,

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us as members of God's family in Christ, as we share in this powerful gift of God's love and grace for the whole human family. We gather around the altar, kneeling or standing, wherever there is a place. The presiding minister offers wheaten wafers but can provide a gluten free wafer by request.

The assisting minister offers individual cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) for you to choose.

The church also affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone.

If you prefer to commune in your pew with a prepackaged communion set, please alert an usher.

Communion Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



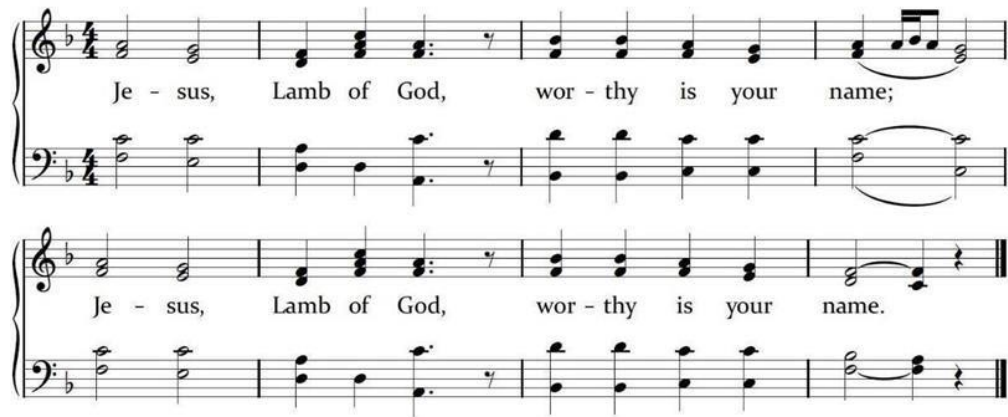
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Communion Hymn

Jesus, Lamb of God



The assembly stands and the presiding minister says a table blessing.

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
 2 Help me tread in the paths of right - teous - ness,
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
 to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.
 Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.
Refrain
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT REFORMATION

Join us Wednesday Nights during Lent for

MEAL - 6PM & WORSHIP - 7PM

**HOLDEN
EVENING
PRAYER**

Join the prayer vigil | Wednesdays | 7PM |
Sanctuary

FEB. 21, FEB. 28, MAR 6, MAR 13 & MAR 20

A time of Contemplation - Music - Reflection



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All are welcome

Wired Word

WHEN: Mondays at 7:30-8:45 p.m.

WHERE: Zoom sessions. Sign in with this zoom number from wherever you are:

895 9933 5017

Link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89599335017>

RESOURCE: Each week, The Wired Word provides two topics with discussion material and related Bible passages. The leader for the week chooses one topic, and then Wired Word sends the material to our class list. To receive the lesson resources, request to be on the list by emailing **dotjeffcoat@aol.com**.



REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING CONGREGATION that believes Christ calls us to serve others with joy. Safe Space Dinners is a ministry for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, including people of color.

The ministry is simple. On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, these youth (14-23 years old) are offered a safe space and time to gather for a time to rest and recharge, a home-cooked meal, a haircut, and a backpack of items they will find helpful in their day-to-day life.

There are always a number of games to play, including video games. Sometimes, we have entertainment from the community. There is no preaching, no conversion therapy attempts; only support and comfort. This is a ministry of giving – nothing more

OPPORTUNITIES of WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

In Person Sunday Worship Livestream - 10:00 am-11:00 am www.reformationcae.org

Coffee Hour is held after the worship service in the Reformation Fellowship Hall.

Choir is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Sunday School at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Wired Word is held via Zoom on Mondays at 7:30 pm

ZOOM/INPERSON MONTHLY MEETINGS

Day	Time	Group	Meeting ID
Every Monday	7:30 - 8:45 PM	Wired Word	882 2271 6489
2nd Sundays	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Executive Committee	873 4122 4846
2nd Mondays	7:30 - 8:45 PM	Education Committee	885 2843 7568
2nd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Finance Committee	876 9845 4243
2nd Thursdays	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Safe Space Dinner	IN PERSON
3rd Sundays	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Council Meeting	814 7371 7070
3rd Tuesdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Worship & Music Committee	840 4892 9600
3rd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Servants Committee	TBA
3rd Fridays	5:45 - 6:45 PM	3rd Friday Unwind	827 5730 8224
4th Sundays	11:30 - 12:30 PM	Safe Space Dinners Committee	IN PERSON - Parlor
4th Thursdays	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Safe Space Dinner	IN PERSON



About Senator Tameika Isaac Devine

Growing up in a family dedicated to public service, Tameika Isaac Devine has made it her life's work to protect people, neighborhoods and our rights.

As an Assistant Attorney General for South Carolina Tameika Isaac Devine fought for women and the most vulnerable victims of domestic violence, crafting legislation and changing laws to protect their rights to justice and safety.

First elected to City Council in 2002, Tameika was the first African-American female elected to Columbia City Council and the first African-American elected at-large.

As an At-Large representative of Columbia City Council, Tameika Isaac Devine was the first council member to tackle the problems of gangs and preventing youth violence.

In her time with city council, Tameika was affectionately known by her colleagues on council and city staff as the “project” council person. She is very passionate about empowering citizens to succeed, and dedicated to rolling up her sleeves to implement projects and programs to support those goals.

During her tenure, Tameika served as co-chair of the Work Initiative Program, a workforce development program that trains unemployed and underemployed citizens in skills allowing them to be immediately employable. She also spearheaded the restructuring of the city courts and was instrumental in the establishment of the criminal domestic court and the nationally recognized homeless court.

Tameika was also the lead on the city's recognition of National Youth Violence Prevention week and the American Heart month activities.

Tameika also worked with the city's community development department to ensure financial stability for all citizens by starting the City's Bank On program, a program that helps unbanked and underbanked citizens establish a banking relationship and the pilot of the Columbia Kids Save, Children's savings account program.

Tameika was known as the councilwoman who listens. She held monthly open house meetings to hear citizen's concerns and routinely met with citizens to seek input and engagement of on city issues.

Tameika's leadership has been recognized nationally, as she served on the Executive Committee of the Board of the National League of Cities, the Board of Women in Municipal Government, Regional Director of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials and State Chair of the South Carolina Chapter of the Democratic Municipal Officials.

Tameika has been recognized as one of the 50 Most Influential People of the Midlands by Columbia Business Monthly magazine for multiple years and has been elected 3 times by the readers of the Free Times as the Best City/County Council person.

A graduate of Spring Valley High School. Tameika Isaac Devine earned her bachelor's degree from Hampton University and her law degree from USC School of Law. She is a founding partner of the Jabber & Isaac law firm and the founder of the Possibilities Institute, a peak performance public speaking and consulting firm specializing in women's leadership. A member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, she has also donated her time and talents to help countless boards, non-profit organizations and charitable causes.

A member of Brookland Baptist Church, Tameika is married to Jamie L. Devine, a member of the Richland One Board of School Commissioners and they are the parents of Tamia, Jade, and Jameson. Their son, James Henry, was born into heaven in August 2014.

She was Elected in Special Election Jan. 2, 2024, as South Carolina State Senator to fulfill the unexpired term of John L. Scott, Jr., deceased