

The Church at Worship

March 7, 2021

10:30 A.M.



Third Sunday in Lent

† Indicates the congregation shall stand.

We Gather To Meet God

News of the Church Eric Hindmon
Prelude Varner

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

† Greetings & Hymn of Praise Eric Hindmon
To God Be the Glory

Verse 1:

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the
life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the
glory, great things he hath done!

Verse 3:

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder,
our transport, when Jesus we see.

Repeat refrain

† Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

* universal

Prayers for the People Eric Hindmon

Promotion Sunday Presentation of Bibles

Jacob Boyd
Laura Bennett Dickey
Liam Hindmon
Raylan Johnston

Frank McDaniel
Mitchell Noggle
Hudson Price

Eric Hindmon

A Word From Our Lay Leader Carl McDonald
Offertory Bridges

He Keeps me Singing

Act of Praise Adult Choir

On Eagle's Wings

(Children Pre-K, Kindergarten & First Grades are invited to Children's Church)

God Speaks Through His Word

Scripture Reading Pastor Stan

John 9:4

Sermon Pastor Stan

"Working Til Sunset"

We Respond To God's Word

† Closing Pastor Stan

The Old Rugged Cross

Verse 1:

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem
of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

Verse 4:

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true; its shame
and reproach gladly bear;
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where his glory forever I'll share.

Repeat refrain

Postlude Page

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Confirmation Retreat

I am very excited to tell you that we can have confirmation this year!
We currently have 8 - 7th grade students going through our confirmation
class. This is one of our largest groups that we have had in a long while
and they are a very exciting group.

Every year, the confirmation class finishes with a confirmation
retreat at Epworth by the Sea. Due to the arrangement that Epworth
has with the ship workers who are cleaning up the shipping mishap,
they are not able to host outside groups. This is causing us to lead our own
confirmation retreat. We are experiencing more cost than normal and
typically the church covers all of the cost. I am asking for the church to
cover the additional housing expenses which is \$1,800.00.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring our confirmation
trip for this awesome group.



March 8 - Darlene Littleton

9 - Andrea Hindmon

10 - Clay McDaniel

Casey Moye

13 - Lillie Tate Andrews

Sharon Everett

Elizabeth Rawlings

15 - Sheila Clopton

Gabby McDaniel

Happy Anniversary!

March 14 - Traci & Grayson Upton



*The rosebud on the altar is in honor of
Liam James Branan, born March 2nd, 2021,
son of Jim and Ashlyn Douglas Branan.*

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will resume their
monthly meetings on Wednesday, March 17th at 1:00.
We will continue our Bible study, The Faithful, session 2.



Looking Ahead

Girls Small Groups March 7, 2021

4:00 p.m. - Middle School @ the Hindmon's

6:00 p.m. - High School @ the Everett's

Confirmation Retreat March 12-14

Daylight Saving Begins March 14

Blue Bag Sunday, March 14

Palm Sunday, March 28

Flowers for Worship

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Jackie & Tommy Holton.



In memory of
Wesley Pittman
given by
Deborah & Ricky Smith
to the Youth Budget.

In memory of
Billy Kay
given by
Deborah & Tommy Cain
to the Youth Budget.

In memory of
Mary Bruce
given by
Margaret & Johnny McCarty
to the Angel Fund.

In memory of
Sara Owen Etheridge
given by
Margaret & Johnny McCarty
to the Angel Fund.

In memory of
Billy Kay
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In memory of
Mike McAfee
given by
Margaret & Johnny McCarty
to the Angel Fund.

In memory of
Tillman Smith
given by
Margaret & Johnny McCarty
to the Angel Fund.

In memory of
Helen Walsh
given by
Margaret & Johnny McCarty
to the Angel Fund.

In memory of
Robin McCorkle
given by
Judy & Sandy Mercer
to the Angel Fund.

In memory of
Norma Wright
given by
Margaret & Johnny McCarty
to the Foundation.

Next week at Sandersville UMC

Sunday, March 7

9:30 a.m. Sunday School*
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary*
4:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Small Groups
6:00 p.m. High School Girls Small Groups

Monday, March 8

5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 a.m. Boys Small Groups
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 10

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

*Nursery Provided

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Suzy Wilson
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Children's Church

Kati Everett
Ella Andrews

Infant Nursery Volunteer

Emily Prince

Toddler Nursery Volunteer

Mary Thomas Smith

Sound

Matthew Shelton

Security Team

Sid Cheatham, Adam Price,
Tony Screws, Brian Wright

In Our Prayers Our Church Family

Frances Bateman
Jenny Greenwood
Edna Lewis
Dean McCaskill
Theo McDonald
David Ray
Larry Smith

ECF Residents:

Sue Durden
Shirley Friedman

Tennille Assisted Living:

Carol English
Carolyn Sheppard

Friends & Family of the Church

Family of Dave Chapman
(Ellen McDowell's brother in law)

Family of Tommy Thomas
(Brownie Barksdale's brother)

Ryne Mimbs
Angel O' Berry
Carol & Earl Smith
(Friends of Scotty & Penderly McCoy)

Sarah Payne
(Megan Lord's sister)

Charlie Cantrell
(Laura Beth Dickey's dad)

Betty Brett
Phillip Boatright
Susie Searcy
(Brownie Barksdale's friend)

William Brooks
(Friend of Capers & Deborah Brazzell)

Jordan Grace Cobb
(Kevin & Allison Cobb's daughter)

Shannon Etheridge Whitten
Otis Smith

William Sheppard
(Carolyn Sheppard's son)

Attendance & Stewardship

February 28, 2021

Sunday School	55
Worship	135
Weekly Need:	\$ 11,123.08
Given This Week:	\$ 27,208.58
Year to Date Need:	\$ 100,107.72
Given Year to Date:	\$ 134,814.91
Total Budget	\$ 578,400.00

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10 Life Lessons From a Honeybee

1. Use teamwork

Honeybees are nature's ultimate team-players. They cooperate in everything they do. They also behave as if individuals matter, while at the same time keeping the common good of the hive as their priority. If one bee is suffering or falling behind, the others step up and do the work, making sure that collective productivity is never reduced.

2. Do good, for goodness' sake

When honeybees pollinate flowers, they don't do it with the reward in mind. Yet it is pollination itself that ensures continuity of the bees in the long run. Honeybees do not control the cycle of life but their acts of kindness always pay off.

3. Be efficient

Honeybees don't multitask. Instead, they focus only on the top priority. They each have different jobs and they stick to them. This is how they are efficient, wasting no time on anything other than living their purpose and contributing where they are most capable.

4. Live within your means

Honeybees only expand the hive if more space is needed for a growing population or more food storage. They also understand that hard times happen, so they prepare for disasters and food shortage. This approach ensures that they don't drain their energy on anything that is not necessary.

5. Evolve

Honeybees survive by adapting to their surroundings. They are continuously evolving. If relocated from one region to another, they quickly scout the new environment and communicate their findings, then get to work in as little as an hour. They are not discouraged by new locations or temperatures...they are not discouraged by change.

6. Seize the day

Bees make honey during daylight so they take advantage of every moment of sunlight, even packing food in odd corners in order not to waste time. They also never stop learning. They visit the types of flowers that consistently offer them rewards, noting color and odor, and then ditch them if the reward becomes harder to obtain, switching to other flowers. In other words, they live in the present instead of holding on to ways of the past that have proven to be ineffective.

7. Live your work ethic

Bees have an innate sense of responsibility. They are driven by the desire to work, produce and sustain the colony. They pick up delays caused by others, doing what needs to be done, without micromanagement or delay.

8. Be a true leader

Colonies have queens, without the bureaucracy or the dictatorship. The queen knows her role and she performs her duties without interfering with the work of her subjects. And although the bees depend on their queen, she still behaves as a servant to her hive.

9. Communicate well

Bees are deeply engaged with each other. They keep each other informed about changes in their environment. They never break contact with the group and are constantly passing on information they receive.

10. Take time to rest

Contrary to the common belief that they work all the time, honeybees actually spend two-thirds of their time doing nothing. They work hard with unwavering dedication and discipline, but they also get plenty of rest in order to recharge.