

Welcome to Worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023



During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, Pastor
Brian Tracey, Organist**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org, [facebook.com/
NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Welcome

Prelude

GRACE Band

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

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GRACE Band: Emily Gates, John & Diana Hazel, and Josh Young

Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God

Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue

Will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose You now

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come, come, come

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn This is the Spirit's Entry Now ELW #448

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Children's Message

Nikki Young

Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

The Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Here ends the reading.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with

everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

The Rev. Scott Staub

Hymn of the Day

GRACE Band

Hallelujah, Your Love Makes Me Sing

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Verse 1

Your love is amazing
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a myst'ry
How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded
Your love carries me

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

Verse 2

Your love is surprising
I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me
Ev'ry time I see You
All Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song
Rising up in me

Chorus (x2)

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

Ending

Lord You make me sing
How You make me sing

Offertory

Anthem Beloved, God's Chosen Chancel Choir

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Nancy Mest, flute; Brian Tracey, piano

Prayers of Intercession

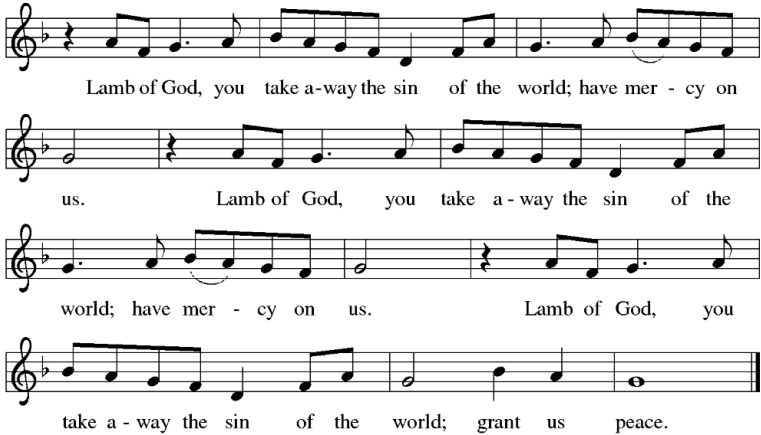
Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table,
open to everyone.*

The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat.

(The response is "Amen", then eat the bread).

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.

(The response is, "Amen", then drink the cup).

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,

empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors

and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Song

Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

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Benediction

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.

**Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary. Seek the good in every
person you pass. Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek**

God in each of us.

As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for. In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude *Festive Voluntary*

Robert Lau

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March 5, 2023 Announcements

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers are \$40. Sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$40 a month, and sponsor Communion for \$30 a month. Contact Church Office at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up or go online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship#/>

Help avoid conflicts. Since activities at the church are back to normal, check in with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church. Also, appointments are requested for staff members.

The GRACE team is looking for guitarists and singers for Sunday morning services. The praise musicians lead the congregation in singing 2 songs during the 9:00 worship service and get together once per week to practice. Anyone in 7th grade through adult is welcome to join.

If interested contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com

We are looking for a GRACE Band Leader for our blended weekly worship service. Music experience is required. It is a part time position, requiring 4-6 hours a week. A job description is available. If interested, please see Pastor Staub or contact Sharon Tracey (LBD36@AOL.COM).

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway. Help NHELC raise \$247,500 for the HVAC and AVEL systems. Specially marked envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center for your contribution. For more information, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.

Lilies will adorn the sanctuary on Easter, April 9. A suggested donation per plant is \$10.00. Sponsor forms are available in the bulletin and Welcome Center. Please fill out a form indicating how many plants you wish to sponsor and how they should be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Also, please indicate if you will be picking up your plant(s) or if you wish for them to be delivered to homebound members.

Plants may be picked up **after the 11:00 AM Easter service**. Place the form and suggested donation (checks payable to NHELC) in an envelope and then in the offering basket in the Welcome Center. Forms and donation are due by **March 19, 2023**.

Readers are needed for the Good Friday worship service. If you are willing to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact Faye Weidner.

Did you know we have a scrapbook in the Welcome Center? Yes, right under the video monitor. Please take a look as we will be turning the pages on a regular basis as we go through history and preparation for 325th year anniversary celebration .

“Once Upon a Prom” will be again be hosted by the Boyertown Junior Woman’s Club on March 4, 5, and 11, 12 from 12:00 to

4:00. Any junior or senior high school girl in need of a special occasion dress is welcome to come browse our collection of over 600 dresses, in all sizes, plus accessories. Held at the Boyertown YMCA NOW located at 301 W. Spring St. in Boyertown. All girls are invited to take a dress or two home for a small donation which benefits our local community. For questions, or to donate dresses/accessories contact Chris Karver (610-310-8641) or Anita Zuber (610-367-0686).

Today

Flowers on the altar are sponsored by Todd & Stacey Rothermel in honor of their grandson Benjamin's first birthday.

Word in Season devotional booklet is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of our church family by Steve and Faye Weidner.

Serving Today Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: George Trowbridge, Bill Allen; Lector: Sue Care; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: London Meeker

Next Sunday Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Rick Solazzo, Rick Hausch; Lector: Barbara Noecker; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermyer; Acolyte: Charlotte Lindenmuth

Altar Guild Serving this Month Nancy Gross, Sue Care, Brenda Hunsberger

Lenten Announcements

Lenten Worship Schedule

March 12, 19, 26 – 9:00 AM - Sunday Lenten Worship
March 8, 15, 22, 29 – 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM – Midweek Lenten Discussions/ Lenten Suppers at 5:45 PM

Lenten suppers will be held every Wednesday, beginning on March 1st through March 29th, starting at 5:45 PM each

Wednesday evening. A simple, homemade supper will be offered each week. **The Fellowship Committee** is looking for people who are willing to bring desserts. Please sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board if you are willing to bring a dessert.

Lenten Devotional Opportunity – Director of Children, Family and Youth Ministry, Nikki Young, is going to be running a bible study opportunity on Facebook. This is meant to be a very informal time without a lot of time commitment. Each day a thought-provoking question will be asked and a short prayer will be given. You may post your answer for the question of the day, email Nikki with thoughts if you'd like it posted anonymously or just check in and ask for prayer. Please email Nikki (nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org send her a text (717-304-9352) or Facebook message if you would like to be added to the private Facebook group.

Wednesday Mid Day Lenten discussion - bring your lunch and join our discussion of the weekly Lenten theme found in our Lenten Devotionals.

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 24

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk Across the Divide- Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 33

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout - Monday, 6:30 PM, rooms 1, 21-27, 31, 33

Christian Education Board - Monday 7:00 pm room 33

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Women's Breakfast - Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Sunflower Cafe

Midweek Lenten Discussions - Wednesday, 12:00 & 6:30 PM

Lenten Suppers - Wednesday, 5:45 PM, Fellowship Hall

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup –Wednesday, 1:45 PM, portico

12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Funeral – Thursday, 11:00am, sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

Men’s Breakfast - Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Restaurant

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary & online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Next Sunday, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, rm

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The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk Across the Divide – Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 33

Upcoming Events

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk Across the Divide- Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33 starting 2/26.

Join me for a weekly public forum of how we as a people can share the wisdom of the Bible to create an atmosphere where listening, loving and helping one another is a priority, and power and dominance are not a platform for public forums and discussions. Books will be available each Sunday in Room 33 at 10:15 AM. A suggested donation of \$20 per book is appreciated.

Choir Rehearsals: Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM in the choir room (room 15). **Children’s Choir** rehearses Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the choir room. Interested in joining the Chancel Choir or Children’s Choir? Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce for more information. **Bell Choir** rehearses on Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM in the choir room. For more information about the bell choir program, contact Bell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Thursday Morning Book Study will resume after Easter.

Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 11th; 4:00 – 7:00 PM

It's time for the annual **all-you-can-eat** Spaghetti Dinner. Enjoy all the spaghetti with homemade meatballs, homemade sauce, homemade Italian bread, salad and beverage you want. But, be sure to save room for ice cream and Pizzelle for dessert. BYOB
The Spaghetti Dinner is a fundraising event to help maintain the picnic grove and support youth activities.

The cost is:

Adults - \$14.00

Children (7-12) - \$7.00

Seniors (65 and older) - \$11.00

Children (6 & younger) - free

Save the Date! Camp Falckner, an overnight camp held in our church picnic grove, is scheduled for July 25-28. All youth who have finished grades 5-12 are invited to attend. More details to come this Spring.

Garden of Hope – Save the Dates

Saturday, March 18th, 9:00 – Noon Spring Garden Cleanup

Sunday, March 26th, 9:00 worship Blessing of the Fields and Gardens

Saturday, April 1st, 9:00 – Noon Spring Planting Saturday, April 1st 9:00 – Noon

Friday, May 12th, 9:00 – Noon Summer Planting

Wednesday, May 31st, 6:00 – 7:30 pm Composting Clinic (AND root beer floats!)

Tuesday, June 27th, 6:00 pm Meet Me in the Garden (Dinner followed by light gardening)

Wednesday, July 26th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm Disease and Pest ID Clinic (AND make your own sundae!)

Friday, August 18th, 9:00 – Noon Fall Planting

Tuesday, September 19th, 6:00 Meet Me in the Garden (Dinner followed by light gardening)

Saturday, October 7th, 11:00 – 3:00 pm Harvesting Hope Fair (FUN for the EVERYONE!!)

New Hanover Area - AARP Chapter is holding bus trips from April to November. See Carol Griffith for details and reservation 484-363-7376. On each trip, there is a drawing for a “Free Trip Certificate” reserved for the participants of each trip which is good for a subsequent trip of the members choice organized by New Hanover AARP.

April 20	Sight and Sound	Moses
May 30	Totem Pole Playhouse	Honky Tonk Angels
June 22	Bube’s Brewery	Murder Mystery Show
July 20	River Queen	Sightseeing Cruise
Aug. 24	Magic & Wonder Theater	
Sept. 27	Dutch Apple Theater	Jimmy Buffet’s Margaritaville
Oct. 19	Silver Birches	Germanfest
Nov. 30	African Music Theatre	The First Noel

You Can Help

NHELC will be collecting non-perishable items throughout the months of December, January, and February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and the fellowship hall for the donations. During the winter months there is an increased need for soup and crackers. Thank you for your contributions to help those in need.

Join the NHELC Cheer Squad – We are looking for people that would be interested in occasionally cheering on our NHELC kids and youth. If you would be interested in going to see a musical/ play/concert/ sporting event etc. that our children and youth are in and supporting them please let Nikki Young know via phone/text 717-304-9352 or email nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org. We will email out when someone has a special event or a big game that we know of and try to get someone out to show our support. There is no

commitment requirements – just something you could do if you are available and the timing works out. Thank you for supporting our NHELC kids!

Looking for volunteers to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children’s Sermons, and Acolytes. Please contact Faye Weidner if you are interested in serving at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958.

Save the Date – Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 am. We will have the egg hunt, a story and games. We will begin collecting candy on Feb. 26th. There will be a bin in the lobby or you may give any donations to Nikki Young. If you would like to help with a game or to ready a story, please also contact Nikki. We will break the kids into age groups and have a light lunch of hotdogs, snacks and drinks after the groups get done with the egg hunt! We hope you will join us! You can sign up online for the egg hunt OR the sheet in the welcome center <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-easter1>

Food Ministry

More than 120,000 meals have been delivered! NHELC’s Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. **Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs.** 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donations in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Spiritual Renewal

The *Word in Season* daily devotion books January - March & April - June are available in the welcome center and information box located outside by the Sunday school doors. The books are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor

Do you know someone who could use a **prayer shawl** to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so contact Pastor Scott and they'll see that one is made available. And...**please prayerfully consider**: the requests for our prayer shawls keep coming in. To make sure we will always have a shawl available when needed we could use some additional knitters to help with this important ministry. Please contact Pastor Scott if interested in doing this. Supplies and instructions are available in the library located off of Fellowship Hall, in a bookcase close to the door.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com or call the church office (610) 326-1335 to leave him a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Pastor Scott to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

Prayer Warriors Wanted You are invited to join the warriors on Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary. Participants join in a brief devotion and then pray together. They give thanks and then lift up in prayers neighbors both near and far. See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

A **Seniors Suggestion Box** is now available on the desk in the Welcome Center. NHELC Seniors (folks in their 60's on up) are invited to use the slips provided and write down any ideas, concerns, needs they may have for our Senior's Ministry. Can be anything ranging from speakers/topics, fun events, faith formation needs, etc. We want to hear from you!

Prayer Requests

Trevor Martin	Melissa	Pam Helfrich
Toni Rath	Bernadette Phillips	Barb & Tom Faust
Katy Mahon-Miller	Mary Lou	Andy Van Dyke
Matt Hall	Doug Weaver	Janet
Luann Hanley	Joan Wagner	Laurie Scoggins
Scot Smale	Robert Ganovsky	Pam Abbott
Carol Estes	Dorothy Bingaman	Holli Muffler
William Trotter	Emily Ocelus	Louise Karns
Kathy Kane	Eric & Wendy Hess	Mary Van Dyke
Maxwell Girard	Sue Care	Pr. Jennifer Phelps
Pat Fryer	Herman Richard	Jessica Trout
Jean Renninger	Deb Matthews	Denny Smith
Pr. Kork Moyer	Marceline	Verdi Smith
Betty Lou Shadle	Anne Eshleman	Mabel Gaugler
Julia Hauck	Daniel Johnson	Pat Freed
Tony Mancini	Gwen Grant	Sandy Wesner
Raul Castro	Chris Fatzinger	Helen Foulke
Amy LeVan	Hank Droneberg	Paige Longstreth
Jeffrey Kunsch	Pena family	Carla Hausmann
Braydon Kline	Kim Frain	John O.
Wilma Lahr	Jen Perez	Joan Price
Jim Price	Frank D.	

Long-term

Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

Family & friends of Thelma Stauffer (grandmother of Ariel Hansley)

Family & friends of Lauren Scoggins

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

Victims of the earthquake in Turkey, Syria, and surrounding countries.

Peace for violence in our area and nationally.

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Easter Flower Order Form – Due March 19, 2023

Name _____

Please indicate how you desire the names to appear in the Easter bulletin.

(“In memory of” if deceased; “In honor of” if living)

LILIES - \$10.00 each

In memory/honor of: _____
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(Please print)

In memory/honor of: _____
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by _____ \$ _____
(Please print)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

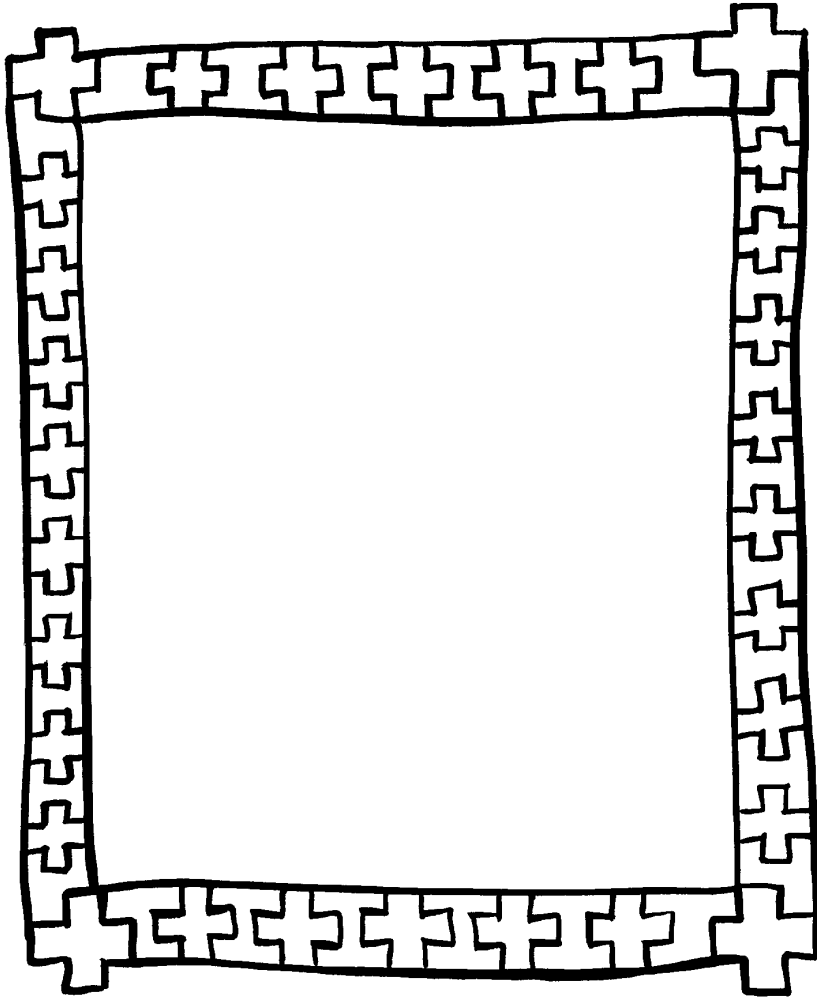
Form and donation are due March 19, 2023.

I will pick up my plant(s) _____ Deliver to homebound _____

Send

God's love

It is the Lord who watches over you (Psalm 121:5).



Draw a time when you feel God watching over you and protecting you.

This week

Learn John 3:16, a very important verse for the family of God.

Kids Celebrate

Second Sunday in Lent



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday in Lent. Young or old, we are all labeled "Children of God."

Use the words to help you label the picture.

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BABY

pastor



water

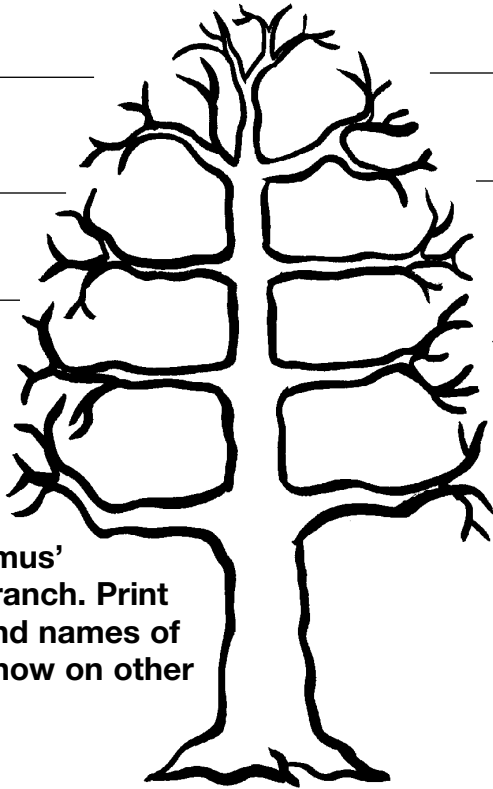
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family

Family tree

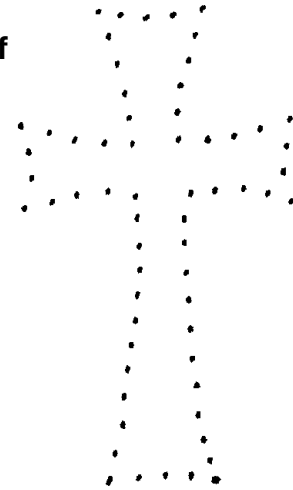
John 3:1-17

We believe Jesus brings us eternal life, just like a tree brings nutrients to its branches. We come to God's family through Jesus.

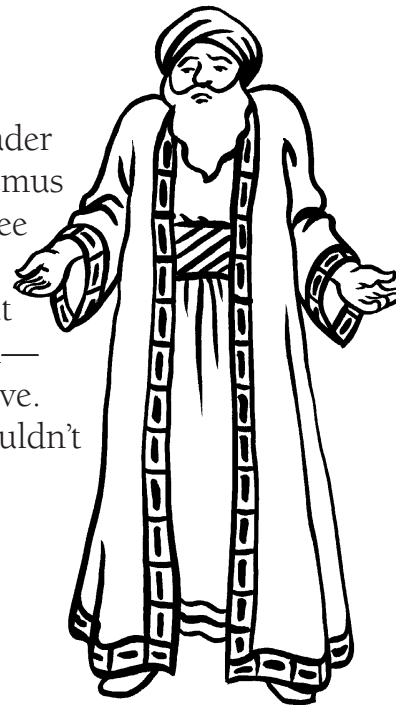


Print Nicodemus' name on a branch. Print your name and names of others you know on other branches.

Trace the dotted lines to find another kind of family tree.



Jesus told a leader named Nicodemus he could not see the kingdom of God without being baptized—born from above. Nicodemus couldn't understand.



Jesus died on the cross so we can live in God's family forever.

How many crosses do you see in the worship space today? Did anyone carry a cross in as worship began?

There are 40 days in Lent. Can you find 40 crosses in this bulletin?



Purple, the dark rich color of a royal family, is the color in Lent. Look for purple things in worship today. When do we see Jesus as the King?



Jesus our Savior, we are thankful to be called children of God. Amen