



Greene Street United Methodist Church



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To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, this church opens its doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2015

Liturgical Color: Purple

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements (10 Minutes before the hour)

Chimes (on the Hour)

Hymn of Fellowship "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" No. 2140
After Singing Greet Those around You

Centering Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: (In The Secret) I Want to Know You"
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us Pray.

Congregational Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

During our prayer time, the worship leader will allow a few moments so that names may be lifted from the congregation. After the name is lifted, the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy," and you are invited to respond by saying, "Hear our prayer".

Congregational Prayer Chorus

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

Anthem Chancel Choir

Prayer of Illumination "Open Our Ears" No. 2086

Serving God By Our Service, Our Prayers, Our Presence, Our Gifts, And Our Witness.

OUR SERVICE

Ministers: All the Congregation
Pastor: Rev. David Anderson
Secretary: Detra Pennington
Director of Music: Julie Dinkins
Trustee: JM Briquet
Greeters: Frank Hollis and Nathan Crowe
PPRC Rep: Melissa McNeill
Nursery: Marie Hollis
Reader: Kathryn Masewicz

OUR PRESENCE

Attendance on 3/15/15
Sunday school...27
Worship....42

OUR GIFTS
From 3/15/15
Budget receipts last week
\$1,704.00

BY OUR PRAYERS

Craig Norton	Mallory Lucas	Margaret Latimer	Curtis Drake	Mac McLendon
Kim Gordon	Dylan Wood	Ginny Herring	Katie Rhodes	David Baker
	Kimberly Price	Sara Duncan	Marilyn Biernaski	Phyllis Knowles
Kay Strickland	Diane McDougall	Christi S. Corley	Mable Norton	Temmy McLendon
Merita Sexton Koenig	Bobby Price, Sr	Bobby Price, Jr.	Glenn Higgins	Mae Blume

The Nursing Home & Rehab

Jerry Kittrell@Robin's Residential Care Sara Jane Hoffmann@Uni Health Post Acute Care- PH # 382-2385

OUR WITNESS This Week at Greene Street

5th in Lent
Sunday, March 22, 2015
9:15 am—Gathering
9:45 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
6:00 pm—Bible Study
7:00 pm—Choir Practice
Thursday, March 26, 2015
6:30 pm—Strategic Planning Committee

OUR WITNESS Next Week at Greene Street

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29, 2015
9:15 am—Gathering
9:45 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service
Lunch after morning service
Wednesday, April 1, 2015
6:00 pm—Bible Study
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Closed on Fridays



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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Lesson:

Psalter Lesson:

Psalm 51:1-17

Epistle Lesson

Time with the Children

*Hymn of Preparation

“Change My Heart, O God”

Gospel Lesson

Morning Message

"The Star Thrower"

*Affirmation of Faith

“Apostle’s Creed”

Offering God’s Tithes, Ourselves and our Gifts

*The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
praise Him all creatures here below,;
praise him above ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*Hymn of Dedication

“Make Me a Servant”

Benediction:

Musical Benediction Response:

*“On Eagle’s Wings”
And God will raise you up on Eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand..*

***Postlude**

***You are invited to stand if you are able.**

*****(The altar is always available for you to come and to spend some time in prayer with God during the closing song.)***

March 22, 2015

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Hebrews 5:5-10

Pastor Anderson

No. 2152

John 12:20-33

Pastor Anderson

No. 881

No. 95

No. 2176

No. 143

From David’s Desk:

Martyrs: we have heard the word all our lives. The persecution of Christians reached historic levels in 2014. It has been estimated 100 million Christians have had to face dire consequences all over the world for practicing their faith. Recently the so-called Islamic State ravaged Christian towns and forced Christians to flee or face death. In mid-February of this year, the world witnessed a video allegedly portraying the beheading of 21 Coptic Christians in Libya. One response to this came from evangelist Franklin Graham, who warned of a coming global persecution of Christians at the hands of Muslims. Graham said, “Can you imagine the outcry if 21 Muslims had been beheaded by Christians?”

I am personally offended by Graham’s comments. That type of rhetoric plays into the hands of radicals who want to portray Islam as locked in conflict with Christianity. The realities on the ground are much more complex, marked by the ethnic and social tensions as well as religious differences.

Also, we need to realize Christians are not the only ones who are being persecuted by radical Islamists. And ISIS’s primary targets remain moderate Muslims who are viewed as having betrayed the faith. Many more Muslims than Christians have been killed by ISIS, But we do need to be aware that a new generation of Christian martyrs is arising.

In Egypt, the “blood of the Martyrs” in Libya who reportedly died uttering the words, “my Lord Jesus”- is inspiring renewed devotion among Coptic Christians. Also, Pope Francis said, “The blood of our Christian brothers and sisters is a testimony which cries out to be heard.” He added that the martyrs belonged not to Copts alone or to Catholics, Orthodox, or Protestants but to all Christians.

The blood of the martyrs indeed cries out to be heard by all Christians, including us for whom persecution seems like something out of the medieval times. We are called to pray for those who face times of testing. That prayer begins with learning who they are and what they face. Jesus warned his disciples that they would be persecuted on account of him. The reality of that ancient teaching shakes our complacency in this Lenten Season and reminds us of what bearing the cross can mean.

**In the Grip of His Grace,
Pastor David+**

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will start at
9:45 am on Easter Sunday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 22—Bryce Carpenter
March 28—Margaret Latimer

Bible Study will meet Wednesday at 6:00 pm.
Our Lenten Study will be based on “A World Worth Saving” by George Donigian.

Upcoming Dates.....

Palm Sunday —Sunday, March 29, 2015
Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 2, 2015
Good Friday.....Friday, April 3, 2015
Easter Sunday——Sunday, April 5, 2015