



Office Hours, Week of March 10:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM

Welcome to Pastor Stacy!

We warmly welcome our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Stacy Smith. She can be reached at 908-889-8891 or fanwoodpcpastor@gmail.com. You're also invited to drop by the office for coffee, prayer, chats, whatever! This week Stacy will hold open office on Monday from 1-3 PM; Tuesday, from 10 AM - 12 PM; and Wednesday from 5-7 PM.

Recent Prayer Requests

Families as they grieve: The family of Ellie Kramps, Linwood Bagby and his family, Richard B. Watson, Linda Macari's uncle; the family of Jean B. Trumpp, the family of Dorothy (Dorie) Ledesma, Theodosia Ashie and her family; the family of Betty Zwicky, the family of Doug Clausen, Janet Scho and her family, The Miller family; the families of Ross Charnock, Emily Sena, Judy Walsh, Rob and Roseanne Lindemann. We pray for Tom, friend of the Millers; Elsi Madi, friend of the Macaris; Eyad and Kristina Khalifeh and Raine Grace Khalifeh, Jillian Knetchtel's mother, Susanne Stamm, Cena Pollit, Marcie Pollit, The DeFazio Family, Mary Jankowski, Bill Murphy, the Herrlich family, Betty Gustafson, Liz Henderson, Betty Sharret, Jeannie, friend of MaryAnn Miller; Jim Tway, Rev. Charlie and Mary Sutton, the people in countries at war. If there are matters of concern or thanksgiving you would like included in our prayers or if you would like a name removed from the list, please fill out the prayer request portion of the connection card and put them into the offering or email Fanwoodpres@gmail.com.

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FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN (HURCH

Growing in God's love through rejoicing, renewing & reaching out.

10:30 a.m. First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025

Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE "Allegro" from Eine Kleine Nachtmusik by Mozart Luyang Liu

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,

following Jesus wherever he leads us.

All: Lent calls us to journey to the place where God covenants with us,

to receive the new names we are given.

One: Lent calls us to worship together,

to tell future generations the good news.

All: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

* HYMN #84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory (verses 1-3)

RATHBUN

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of every place and time, we confess that we often close the windows and block out the fresh air of new ideas. We are irritated by the noise of other people's worries, lament the winds of change, and draw the curtains against people who are different. Forgive us and open up our lives to let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children ages preschool through fifth grade may leave for church school after the message.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING from Psalm 19: 1-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING from Mark 8: 22-25

MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Stacy Smith



Responding to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from a Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples, to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

* DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God throughout these forty days; praise Christ our Lord whom God did raise; and praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sent Out By God's Word

* HYMN #538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Luyang Liu

Your ushers today are Diana Shoback, Liz Henderson and Judy Walsh.