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Sun 5 • First Sunday of Lent

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex
9:25 a.m. Youth drama class. Classroom No. 1
9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

Tue 7

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 8

7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Thu 9

10:00 a.m. Music committee. Classroom No. 1
7:30 p.m. Worship committee. Classroom No. 1

Sat 10

7:30 p.m. Talent showcase. Sanctuary

Sun 12 • Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17

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9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
4:00 p.m. Spring Forum: *Out of Order*. Fellowship Hall

COMMUNION TODAY: All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.

LENTEN CHALLENGE. Pick up your Lenten calendar in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex and get started!. Eat 6 to 8 servings of vegetables or fruit daily with more grains and less red meat.

CLOTHING & SHOES for Rescue Mission. **March 5, 12 & 19.** Place boxed or neatly bundled items in lower nook inside King St. entrance.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, March 5, 6:00 p.m., Drop off hot food 4:45–5:15 p.m. Leave other food in the refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

SPRING FORUM, Sunday, March 12, 4 p.m. Screening of the groundbreaking new documentary *Out of Order*, reveals the complex and painful struggles faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) faith leaders.

The screening will be followed by a conversation with Alex McNeill, Executive Director of More Light Presbyterians, who is featured in the film.

LENTEN SUNDAY EVENINGS, Soup & Bread Supper: 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall; Program 6:15 p.m. “*Notes from My Spiritual Journey*” **March 19:** Pete Madeo & Merry Morgan; **March 26:** Jeff Hornbeck & Melinda Schmitt; **April 2:** Maria Guitz & John Landolt. Childcare available upon request. Contact the office by the Wednesday before.

FOOD DRIVE Sunday, March 26. Bring canned goods & nonperishables to help support SU organization Lambda Chi Alpha in their spring food drive. Place items in the baskets in narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Season of Lent

First Sunday

March 5, 2017

10:45 a.m.

The desert waits,
ready for those who come,
who are obedient to the Spirit’s leading;
or who are driven,
because they will not come any other way.

The desert always waits;
ready to let us know who we are
– the place of self discovery.

And whilst we fear, and rightly,
the loneliness and emptiness and harshness,
we forget the angels
whom we cannot see for our blindness,
but who come when God decides
that we need their help;
when we are ready
for what they can give us.

Ruth Burgess

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When I acknowledged not my shortcomings, I became ill through all my defenses. And day and night, guilt weighed heavy in my heart; My spirit became dry as desert bones.

Psalm 32 (Merrill)

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. **Exodus 16:1**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

Matthew 4:1-2

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

Romans 5:15

Organ

Dianne Holliman

Piano

Kari Edge

Solo

Phil Baker-Shenk

Assistants

Andrew Rolfe

Jillian Dillow

Ethel Hornbeck

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare

Available in the nursery. See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too
Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

Proclamation

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God,
Whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

† † †

***Hymn 645**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

GRACE ABOUNDS

Prayer of Confession

In Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy on us

Declaration of grace and gratitude

***Hymn 62 (2x)**

Love the Lord Your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

Blessing the World

East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

Hymn 48

"Rain Down"

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial prayer

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Hymn 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lessons

Exodus 16:1-3 • Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

"Wilderness Journey"

Hymn 727

"The Servant Song"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Silence

Communion

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Try Me, O God"

John Nares

Affirmation

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Solo

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Silence

Benediction

† † †

Rapture

What some folk call rapture is a serendipitous capture of the extraordinary in the ordinary.

Euonymous

You are hungry for God. The thing to give up for Lent is starving yourself.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Catastrophe is the essence of the spiritual path, a series of breakdowns allowing us to discover the threads that weave all of life into a whole cloth. **Joan Halifax**

Patience doesn't mean making a pact with the devil of denial, ignoring our emotions and aspirations. It means being wholeheartedly engaged in the process that's unfolding, rather than ripping open a budding flower or demanding a caterpillar hurry up and get that chrysalis stage over with. **Sharon Salzberg**

We live in a world that is beyond our control, and life is in a constant flux of change. So we have a decision to make: keep trying to control a storm that is not going to go away or start learning how to live within the rain.

Glenn Pemberton,

Hurting with God

Flowers placed by

The Price family fund

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

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