

The Second Sunday In Lent
March 1, 2026
10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)

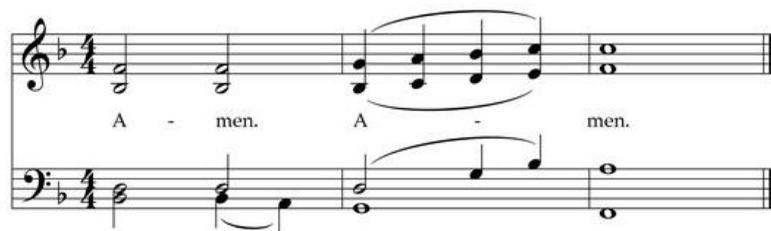
During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

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Celebrant:	Receive these Holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood. On behalf of the Household of Manakin, I send you and your team forth bearing these Holy gifts to our brothers and sisters at Spring Arbor and Brookdale so that they may experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of this Blessed Sacrament. May you carry the prayers of all of us.
People:	We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.
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Healing prayers will be offered at the altar railing following the service.

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We welcome all family and friends and invite you to join us in Denny Hall after the service for a time of fellowship.

- OFFICIANT** – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao
- LAY READERS** – David Denson & Holly Walker
- ACOLYTE** – Libby Hott
- ALTAR GUILD** – Leslie Eckmann, Lea Emory, Sharon LaLiberte, Lynn Novak, Missy Rakes, Becky Vestal
- GREETER** – Christine Charbonneau
- MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- TELLER** – Liz Lee
- COFFEE HOUR** – in Denny Hall
- NURSERY** – Jenny Karluk
- USHER** – Hank Schepker
- VIDEO STREAMING** – Gunnar Kohlbeck

When you pray, please remember the following church members:

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Ronnie Rice, Janet Darby, Rhett duPont, Trey Harrington, Carol Timmons, Katie Cole, Bob Phillipson and Leah & David Thomas.

When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:

Graham Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Connie Rosenbaum, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Wyatt Nickle, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Joelle Cosby, Sandra Barkey, Melissa Esmee Fields, Thomas Murrell, Dennis & Blair Nickle, Penny & Jeff Strack, Suzanne Silek, Robert Keep, RJ Redstrom, Ron Hodges, Elaine Jones, Jim Dawson, Terry Royal, Phillip, Dale Custer, Becky Sido, Jan Sierk, Kjerstin Johnson, Bobby Perkins, Charlie Chitwood, Tom Green, Jerry Lowe, Sue Bland and Emmet Nelson.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Ian Edwards	3/1	Brent Deekens	3/4
Tom Rice	3/1	Brent Rawlings	3/4
John Watkins	3/1	Jan Akers	3/5
Susie Stone	3/3	Luke Chester	3/5

Announcements

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **All are invited to support our very own author!** Pat Pennington has written a book titled "Fly High Matilda". This book was written to encourage children to recognize their gifts and use them to be all that they can be. She will have a book signing **today** during coffee hour. The books are \$15 each.
- ❖ **Sit, Stitch and Craft Night: Monday, March 2, at 5 PM.** Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- ❖ **Zoom Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.** Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhlMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;> Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 9:15 AM.** Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and lively conversation. Each week we will look at the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This study is for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.

- ❖ **Lenten Journey Booklets from Westminster Canterbury are now available:** Use the following link: [lenten_journey_2026_final.pdf](#) or pick up a copy in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Lenten Dinner and Program: Wednesday, March 4, at 5:30 PM. Potluck supper.**
- ❖ **First Fridays Fellowship: Friday, March 6 from 5:30 - 7 PM in Denny Hall.** Hosted by Martha Redstom-Plourd & Peter Plourd and Rosanna & Jim Smith. Please bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ❖ **Family Forum: Sunday, March 8, at 9 AM.**
- ❖ **Men of the Church breakfast meeting, Saturday, March 14, at 8 AM:** The speaker will be Mr. Fundador Torres, of Good Samaritan Ministries, an organization that Manakin Church donates to annually. Mr. Torres will **present** "The Good Samaritan Inn," which is the message from Luke 10:25-35. Please bring a friend and come out for the fellowship, the presentation, and of course the great breakfast!
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are at the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items. **Current needs are: cream of mushroom soup, Corned beef hash, canned pineapple, canned greens, butter beans and Lima beans.** If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate help getting the donations to the food bank during these times: Monday and Friday -10 AM – Noon, Wednesday, 5 PM – 7 PM and the second and fourth Saturdays from 10 AM – Noon. Please send Mary Kay an email at marykatherinegates@gmail.com if you can help.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as fruit cups, applesauce cups, Go Go squeeze applesauce, snack crackers packets and proteins (pop-top cans of beefaroni/ravioli are especially welcome). Please place these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. **Join us on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month.** You can meet us at Manakin at **9 AM** or at the site at **9:30 AM**, 3035 Lower Hill Road, Powhatan. If you have any questions, contact Penny Sawyer at 804-794-5609.
- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult ("Kongs"), treats, medium collars, harnesses, leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note "Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund" to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

The 2nd Sunday In Lent

- ❖ **Plastic Bag Recycle Program:** We have joined The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags now through November 2026 or until our goal is met. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic! Drop off at church can be in the bin located in room number 5 in Denny Hall. Any questions? Please contact Jean Hillsman at jmhillsman56@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain another beautiful new bench for an organization in need. **What can be recycled?** Grocery bags, shipping envelopes, bread bags, Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap (such as paper towels and toilet paper), newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags. **No plastic bottles please.**

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Each Wednesday during Lent we will offer Morning Prayer in the Nave at 8:45 AM.



Last year we had such great success with watching C. S. Lewis' The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe that we decided to continue with that momentum. This year our movie will be a continuance with The Chronicles of Narnia – Prince Caspian (Rated PG). We will watch segments of this movie each week and discuss the Christian themes. This is a great movie for all ages!

March 4 – Lenten Supper and Movie - Dinner will be provided

March 11 – Lenten Supper and Movie - Potluck – bring a dish to share

March 18 – Lenten Supper and Movie - Dinner will be provided

March 25 – Lenten Supper and Movie - Potluck – bring and dish to share

The Collect

Contemporary

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Traditional

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I 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.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Psalm

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

Processional Hymn #401 – The God Of Abraham Praise

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He 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.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus 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?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The 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.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “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. “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.”

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” cry, “Al - might - y King!
5 “Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee.”
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Sequence Hymn #151 – From Deepest Woe I Cry To thee

1 From deep - est woe I cry to thee; Lord, hear me, I im -
 2 Thou grant - est par - don through thy love; thy grace a - lone a -
 3 And thus my hope is in the Lord, and not in my own

plore thee! Bend down thy gra - cious ear to me;
 vail - eth. Our works could ne'er our guilt re - move;
 mer - it; I rest up - on his faith - ful word

I lay my sins be - fore thee.
 yea, e'en the best life fail - eth.
 to them of con - trite spi - rit.

If thou re - mem - berest ev - ery sin,
 For none may boast them - selves of aught,
 That he is mer - ci - ful and just,

if nought but just re - ward we win,
 but must con - fess thy grace hath wrought
 here is my com - fort and my trust;

could we a - bide thy pres - ence?
 what - e'er in them is wor - thy.
 his help I wait with pa - tience.

Communion Hymn #337 – And Now, O Father

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

Continued

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
soul's true weall From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord,
clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Communion Hymn #313 – Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain
of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Closing Hymn #637 – How Firm A Foundation

Descant

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, _____ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."