

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

WELCOME AND GREETING

God is Good **All the time.**
All the time **God is Good**

Rev. Wil Posey

**CALL TO WORSHIP

For those in the wilderness, receive these words of hope:

The wilderness won't last forever. God says:
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
And rejoice with joy and singing.

And in the meantime,
when you pass through the wilderness, God says:
I will be with you.
(from Isa. 35)

Sue Bell

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

INTROIT

****HYMN OF PRAISE "Jesus Tempted in the Desert"** TFWS 2105

OPENING PRAYER

God of the wilderness, this place of discomfort and loss is not where we want to be. We are desperate for a short-cut or a quick fix that hurries things along so we can just get to the other side. Yet there is no easy way out, so help us learn to rely on you. Give us the grace of your Spirit's encouraging and healing presence. Stay with us on the journey, as we stay close to you. Amen.

Sue Bell

CHILDREN'S TIME

PROCLAMATION

****SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah: 30:1-7

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

SERMON "Stay on the Trail" Rev. Wil Posey

RESPONSE

**APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Kathryn Jenkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Moments of silent prayer & personal confession.

Kathryn Jenkins

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 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Ways you can give

Leave a gift in the Offering Plate

Online: www.murphyfirstumc.org/donate

Mail: PO Box 86, Murphy, NC 28906



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**DOXOLOGY

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

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Kathryn Jenkins

**HYMN

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

UMH 480

SENDING FORTH

**BENEDICTION

"May The Lord Bless You"

POSTLUDE

RESPONSE The light goes before us into the world.

Chiming of the Trinity

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

** Rise in body or spirit

All are welcomed to Worship.

Please assist us by registering your attendance in the notebooks located in the pews. If you have changed your address or phone number, please include the new information so that we can update our database; or if you would like to receive the "One Call" messages or Newsletter.

Our Service of Worship has ended Our Worship through Service begins

Please be aware that we are live streaming and recording this service and will be posting it to social media.

Memorial Donations

In Memory Of Sharon Wallace
By Mark Mobley & Erin Brophy

PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Ukraine and its people; John McCarley; Danny Lawrence; Dell Douglass; Maria Mcleod; Christian Sawyer; Mary Ledford; Paula Esposito; Debbie Cocalis; Pati and Erica Sims; Sheila Snow; Daphne Blount; Justin & Meredith Hensley and Family; Bob Barker; Margaret Freel; Charlie Garland; Caroline & Conner Bellwally; Deanie Avett; Patricia Rogers.

PRAYER TEAM: Email: prayfumc@gmail.com

In an effort to have room for all prayer requests we will rotate off the names every 3 weeks unless indicated, either by a notation on the blue prayer request card or by calling the church office. 828-837-2718 or email: admin@murphyfirstumc.org

Prayer Requests can be submitted on our Facebook page, YouTube live stream or by calling the church office.

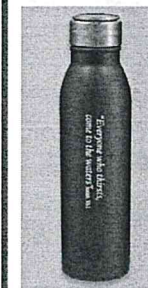
Willing Hands—White Elephant Auction

March 19 at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall

To raise funds for the Easter Baskets for our Shut-ins.
Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun.

Ladies Lenten Walk, March 20, 2025

Ladies, continue our Lenten Journey on Thursday morning, March 20 at the Riverwalk near the Pool/Wellness Center and ball fields at Konehete Park. We will walk a short distance and have a devotional. This is a reflective and personal time as you journey toward Easter. We'll gather around 9:30 near the Pickle ball courts. In the busyness of our everyday lives, take time to begin your Lenten journey in an intentional walk of reflection. Taking intentional time is an important part in making Lent more meaningful. As this season begins, let us gather to begin our Journey toward Easter. If you have questions or need more information, contact D'Anna Liber at 770-853-6814 or liber765@comcast.net



Murphy First UMC Water Bottles

Suggested retail will be \$15 and proceeds will go to California Fire relief with UMCOR. Please bring your donation to the office M-Th 9am-1pm



Available today in the fellowship Hall

Special Offering Sunday, March 16

California Fire Victims
Please indicate on your financial gift that it is for this District wide Special offering



Parents of Young Children

During Worship (11am)*
Nursery (2 rooms) - Birth-2, and 3-5
Worship Readiness - K-5th grade

*Nursery is open from 9:45am-12pm, though children are welcome in worship and will then be released after Children's Time to return to their nursery or Children's Church, New Children & Adult Sunday School classes.



2105 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

1. Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert,
 2. Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple,
 3. Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain
 4. When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er,

lone - ly, hun - gry, filled with dread: "Use your power," the
 high a - bove its an - cient wall: "Throw your - self from
 by the lure of vast do - main: "Fall be - fore me!
 lone - ly, strug - gling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the

tempt - er tells him; "Turn these bar - ren
 loft - y tur - ret; an - gels wait to
 Be my ser - vant! Glo - ry, fame, you're
 tempt - er's ho - ur, come and be our

rocks to bread!" "Not a - lone by bread," he an - swers,
 break your fall!" Je - sus shuns such emp - ty mar - vels,
 sure to gain!" Je - sus sees the daz - zling vi - sion,
 liv - ing bread. By your grace, pro - tect, pre - serve us

WORDS: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13)
 MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams
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"Can the hu - man heart be filled. On - ly by the
 feats that fick - le crowds re - quest: "God, whose grace pro -
 turns his eyes an - oth - er way: "God a - lone de -
 lest we fall your trust be - tray. Yours, a - bove all

Word that calls us is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!"
 tects, pre - serves us, we must nev - er vain - ly test."
 serves our hom - age! God a - lone will I o - bey!"
 oth - er voic - es, be the Word we hear, o - bey.

Sermon Notes

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my
 3. O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow thru the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

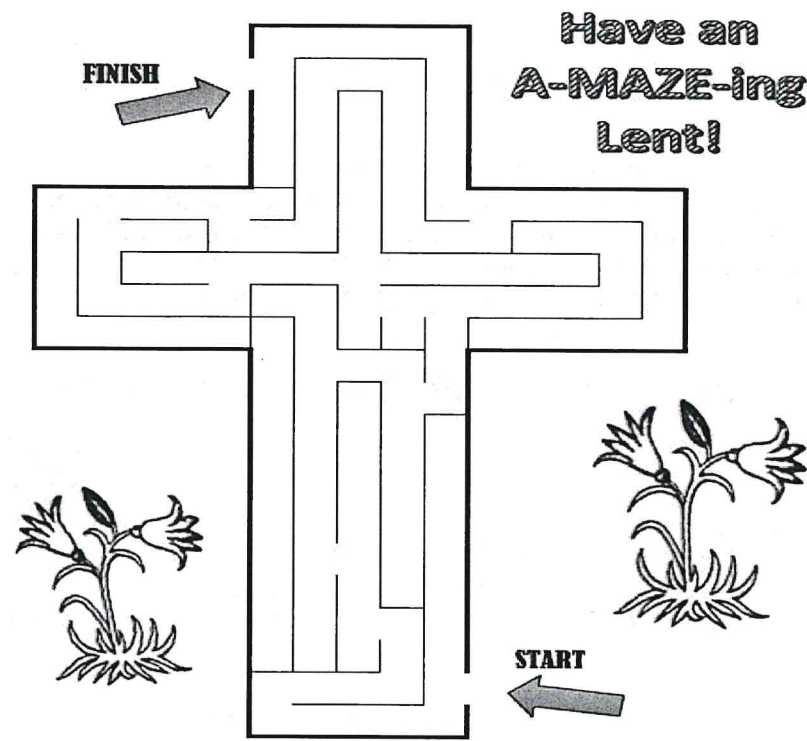
WORDS: George Matheson, 1882
 MUSIC: Albert L. Peace, 1884

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Next Week: March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

This Week's Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, March 16		Wednesday, March 19 continued	
Sunday School	10:00 am	Children's Choir	3:15 pm
Worship Service	11:00 am	Handbells	4:30 pm
Confirmation Class	12:00 pm	Chancel Choir	5:30 pm
Pot Luck Lunch	12:00 pm		
Monday, March 17		Thursday, March 20	
Happy St Patricks Day		Ladies Lenten Walk	9:30 am
Preschool	8:30 am	Mom's Spiritual Formation	9:30 am
Worship Meeting	10:00 am	Soul Table	11:30 am
Justice team	12:00 pm	Creation Care	1:15 pm
Chair Exercise class	12:30 pm	Finance	5:30 pm
Administrative Council	5:30 pm		
Tuesday, March 18		Friday, March 21	
Tax Prep	9:00 am	Preschool	8:30 am
VRR	5:00 pm	Chair Exercise class	12:30 pm
Wednesday, March 19		Saturday, March 22	
Preschool	8:30 am	Al Anon	10:00 am
Greeting Card Ministry	10:15 am		
Willing Hands	11:00 am	Sunday, March 23	
Chair Exercise class	12:30 pm	Sunday School	10:00 am
Year in the Bible- Bible Study	1:30 pm	Worship Service	11:00 am
		Confirmation Class	12:00 pm
		Preschool Fundraiser	12:00 pm




First United Methodist Church Murphy, NC



OUR FAITHFULNESS 2025

Worship attendance March 9 175
Received March 9 \$ 7,028


- Detailed Financial information is available at the church office upon request.



*Today I will chose love.
Tomorrow I will chose love.
And the day after that, I will choose love.
If I mistakenly choose distraction, perfection, or negativity
over love, I will not wallow in regret.
I will choose love until it becomes who I am.
Rachel Macy Stafford.*

POT LUCK LUNCH TODAY!

Please plan to attend and bring a favorite dish to share.
SPPR to host

You will find a "Blessing Box" in our narthex. We are asking for and accepting all donations to keep the Blessing Box at the Child Development Center in Murphy stocked with food and other items for families who have a need. We are looking for easily opened cans and packages of food which folks, without much in the way of personal items, can access and utilize. Small packages of personal toiletries will also be gladly accepted. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Jo Willis (850-428-3636).

TRUSTEE ON CALL

March— Ursula Lasky

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Church Office Hours

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Our Mission is to:
Live as a community transformed by God's grace,
sent to love and serve like Jesus.

Our Vision is to:
Build communities of hope where all people
experience belonging and abundant life.

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