



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 8, 2020**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**10:30 A.M**

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## CENTERING PRAYER

*God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Were You There*

Martha Kaulbach

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brayson Gates

People of God, where do you put your trust?  
Where do you find wholeness and meaning?

**We lift up our eyes to the hills.**

**Our Help comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.**

You are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah;  
Trust then in God who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

**We are followers of Jesus who have been born of the Spirit.**

Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us.  
By the grace of God we are born anew each day.

***Let us worship God!***

### \*MORNING HYMN

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God, we confess that we are ready to say we believe, but we are not ready to trust you to lead us to new places of faithfulness. We are afraid of the evil that surrounds us. We fear rejection, failure, and ridicule. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to follow in footsteps that lead to a cross. Save us we pray, from our unfaithfulness, and use our doubts as a way to bring us closer to you. Amen**

*(our prayer continues in silence)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsive)

Sisters and Brothers, our lives are in God's hands. Be glad.

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.**

I declare unto you that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God***

## **RESPONSE**

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. Amen.*

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*(elbow bumps, waves, and smiles are certainly appropriate  
as we try to minimize the sharing of germs)*

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Megan Gates

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

***Come As You Are***

Troy Webb

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**LUKE 23:39-43**

Maredith Anderson

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

***Seven Words from the Cross: Salvation***

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*insert*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*

*back cover*

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*RESPONSE

*Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

#### \*POSTLUDE

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer Person(s) of the week: **John Howard**

In the Oaks (Scenic): **John Howard**  
**Ruth Breed**



In the Military: **Captain Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** and his family, **LCpl Kevin Matthews** (Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii) and his family.

**Michelle Truelove** and family; **Jan Tolbert** (friend of Pastor Andy); **Betty Schaeffer**; **Hadden Carswell** (friend of Duren Chambers and Maddie Chosewood); **Greg Hopkins**; **John Foster**; **Celeste Sumner**; **Teresa Touralack**; **Chris Webb & family** (Troy Webb's son); **Ernest Perry** (friend of Sue Smith); **Ann Nermoe** (Bill Ford's sister); **Melody Little** (Marilyn Bedsworth's daughter); **Garth and Sue Smith**; **Carolyn and Jeff Denton**; **David and Martha Lee Sherman**; **Karen Hooper** (Troy Webb's Stepsister); **Mary Sue Tripp** (Troy Webb's cousin); **Maria Costley**; **Robin Griffin**; **Khamphant Touralack** (Souvanh's brother); **Scott and Melissa Painter**; **Barbara Gates** (Brent Gate's mother); **Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin's cousin); **Philip Barber**; **Pat Mizer**; **Sylvia Palmer**; **Joyce Barrett**; **Bonnie McKim**; **Brad Donaldson** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); **our country, its leaders, and military personnel.**

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Loving God, you have given me the gift of this new day, and you send me out to live it fully and well. Help me to be attentive to your direction and leading. If you should call me to go in some direction, give me courage to try this new thing. If you present me with a mysterious truth or grace, help me to understand, or to seek understanding, with a sense of wonder and faith. Whatever this day may hold, I trust that you will keep me in all my comings and goings. In your Son's name, I pray. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Gracious God, as the evening comes and the light fades, I look for you even in the shadows. Your love and protection stay with me through the night hours, and I rest in your promises. For the day as it has been, I give you thanks. For the gift of rest, I offer a hymn of praise. You love me and the whole world so greatly that you offer us salvation. After a night of rest, bring me into the light of a new day. In gratitude, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

### **Sunday, March 8**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Worship Service  
2:00 P.M. SAT prep, Scoggins

### **Monday, March 9**

8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins

### **Tuesday, March 10**

11:30 A.M. PW Bible Study, Hoyt  
12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt

### **Wednesday, March 11**

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Hoyt  
5:00 P.M. Children's Program  
Middle School Youth  
5:30 P.M. Kenya Team Meeting  
6:00 P.M. SAT Prep, Hoyt  
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
7:15 P.M. Handbells, Music Room

### **Thursday, March 12**

11:30 A.M. Lunch Bunch  
8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins  
8:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting, Annex

### **Saturday, March 14**

11:00 A.M. BBQ Plate Sale for Kenya  
Missions

### **Sunday, March 15**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Worship Service  
2:00 P.M. SAT Prep, Scoggins

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<b>Jan. 2020</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Income	17,777.78	17,777.78
Expenses	18,154.94	18,154.94
Net:	(368.16)	(368.16)

### **MARCH 2020 Income:**

<b>03/01/2020</b>	<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>Budget</b>
6,095.50	6,095.50	20,704.17

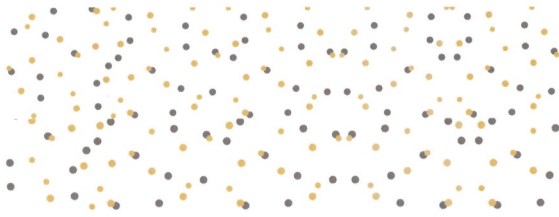
### **Special offerings**

Capital Projects Fund	115.00
Memorial Fund	50.00

## **ASSISTING TODAY**

<b>Opening &amp; Counting:</b>	Benjamin Padtha
<b>Closing &amp; Counting:</b>	Scott Hulsey
<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers:</b>	Ron & Karen Sprayberry
<b>Projection System:</b>	Kimberly Chosewood
<b>Sound System:</b>	Gary Hulsey
<b>Audio-Video:</b>	Gideon Padtha
<b>Nursery Attendant:</b>	Jacky Vespi
<b>Flowers:</b>	George & Martha Kaulbach
<b>Elementary Sunday School:</b>	Celeste Sumner
<b>Middle Sunday School:</b>	Kimberly Chosewood
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Ron Sprayberry
	Maredith Anderson
	Benjamin Padtha
	Nancy Hendricks
	Ed Hendricks

**Church Attendance 3/1/2020: 77**



You are invited to attend Habersham Christian Learning Center's

# 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Annual Meeting Fundraiser Dinner

When

March 26, 2020, 6 PM

RSVP

(706) 778-5483

Where

Cornelia United Methodist Church

*Wisdom is more precious than rubies - Proverbs 3:15*

Please take note of the Lenten Devotional inside the bulletin. Each week there will be a new insert for the upcoming week.

There are large-print copies available in the Narthex.

If you would like a copy of the devotional in its entirety, please contact the church office.

(706)778-2822 or  
[office@firstprescornelia.org](mailto:office@firstprescornelia.org)

*The flowers on the organ  
today are given by  
George & Martha Kaulbach  
in memory of their son  
Duncan*



The Kenya Mission Team  
is selling BBQ plate tickets  
for \$10.

Plates include: BBQ, bread, baked beans,  
potato salad, and dessert.

Pick-up or Eat-in  
March 14  
11-1 PM

**Join us for  
LUNCH BUNCH  
this Thursday  
11:30 am**

Call the Church Office to reserve your spot!

# Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

Words and Music by  
Margaret Becker and Keith Getty

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## VERSE

A<sup>7sus</sup>

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G/D D

G/D



1. Je - sus, \_ draw me ev - er near - er as I la - bour through the  
(2. Je - sus,) \_ guide me through the tem - pest, keep my spir - it staid and  
(3. Let the) \_ treas - ures of the tri - al form with - in me as I

D

G/D

D

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G/D

4



storm. \_\_\_\_\_ You have called me to this pas - sage, and I'll fol - low though I'm  
sure. \_\_\_\_\_ When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, let me love You e - ven  
go. \_\_\_\_\_ And at the end of this long pas - sage, let me leave them at Your

## CHORUS

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D/F#

A

D/A

A

D/F#

G

8



worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, may I rise \_\_\_\_\_ on wings of  
more.  
throne.

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D

G/D D

12



faith; \_\_\_\_\_ And at the end of my heart's test - ing, with Your

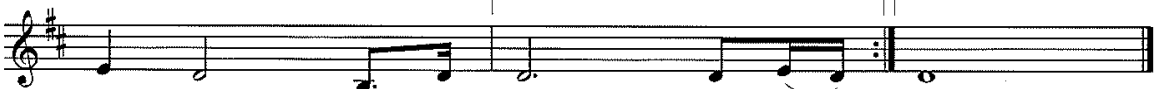
G/D

1, 2.  
D

A<sup>7sus</sup>

3.  
D

15



like - ness

let me wake.

2. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ wake.

3. Let the \_\_\_\_\_