

Celebration of Worship

✠ Stand as you are able.

We Gather as God's People

*We welcome you on this third Sunday in Lent, **March 4th, 2018.***

Prelude

Greetings, Welcome Visitors, and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the red folder in your row.)

✠ Congregation Introit

This Is the Day

no. 657

✠ Call to Worship

L: Come with us on this Lenten Journey to the Temple

P: The temple is the great House of The Lord.

L: But sometimes even greed and selfishness can enter the Temple.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we enter this step.

L: The Lord will ask us to recognize our selfishness.

P: Lord, hear our cries. AMEN.

We Give Ourselves to God

✠ Praise Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

no. 64

We Pray Together (Unison):

*Lord, we come to You this day with so many things laying claim to our lives,
our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts*

to hear Your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for You.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Activities — Week of March 4, 2018

Sunday, March 4

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| • 9 A.M. | Sunday School | Youth - Lower Level Classroom |
| • 9 ⁴⁵ A.M. | Worship Service | Sanctuary |

Tuesday, March 6

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| • 10 A.M. | Bible Study | Parlor |
| • 11 ³⁰ A.M. | UMW | Parlor |

Wednesday, March 7

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| • 10 A.M. | Prayer Ministry | Parlor |
| • 6 ³⁰ P.M. | Small Group | Pastor's Office |

Thursday, March 8

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| • 7 P.M. | Choir Rehearsal | Upstairs |
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Saturday, March 10

***Daylight Savings Time Begins,
Turn Clocks Forward at Bedtime***

Meeting Our 2018 Ministry Goals and Obligations, as of February 25th:

General Budget

Needed Weekly:	\$2,611
Received Last Sunday:	\$2,440
Needed Year-to-Date:	\$20,888
Received Year-to-Date:	\$18,794
Attendance February 25th:	38
2018 YTD Coins for Mission:	\$2

Assisting Next Week (March 11th):

Counters:	Fay Alston, Joyce McClelland
Liturgist:	Scott Sweeder
Nursery:	Kecia Brown
Hospitality:	Nurture Team
Trustee on Duty:	Brian Johns
Ushers:	Barb Casper, Dick Casper, Marcus Kelley

**“Led By The Light”
Ephesians 5: 5-11 (NT p. 183)**

1. Choose God’s light as your navigator.

2. Use God’s light as your indicator.

3. Virtues of Christ should be your vindicator.

Activities and Announcements



First Sunday FISH Collection — Today

The FISH pantry is still in need of non-perishables. Your donations do make a difference. Thank you for supporting this cause.



UMCOR Special Offering — Sunday, March 11th

For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief, often long after others have left the scene. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty. However, UMCOR simply cannot do it without us.



UM Women's Breakfast (Leo's Coney Island) Saturday, March 31st, 8³⁰ A.M.

Please join the ladies for our monthly fellowship and a delightful first meal of the day. Bon Appétit!



UM Men's Breakfast (Dixie Diner) Saturday, April 7th, 9 A.M.

Gentlemen, please join us for breakfast. We will have a delicious, hearty meal at Dixie Diner, 4983 Dixie Highway in Waterford.

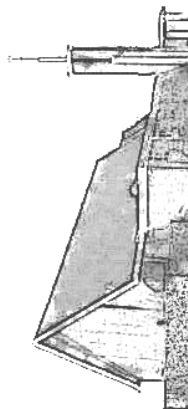


Life Line will be at St. Paul performing screenings including ultrasound, Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Heart Rhythm Screening, and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. **Tuesday, May 8th**. Register online TODAY at: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle to receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!



Helping the Homeless

The UMW are collecting plastic grocery bags to be used to make sleeping mats for the homeless. There is a collection box in the narthex. Check out the mat hanging in the Narthex. Thank you!



"Celebrating the love of God through worship and service"

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Welcome!! If you came this morning seeking, we pray you will leave having found faith, hope, love, friendship — **Christ!** If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our faith community. Childcare for infants through first grade is located off the hall on the north side of the sanctuary, if you prefer this option.

We are a congregation that welcomes all, regardless of any human difference or religious affiliation. In worship, we blend the old and the new, the familiar and unfamiliar, in ways that are in keeping with the spirit and history of the early church and the best of church traditions, always with the goal of meeting today's needs. Each Sunday, we are part of a welcoming community where we learn and have our faith stretched, as well.

Please remember to wear your nametag in worship! Nametags are an important sign of hospitality to guests and newcomers who say, "We want you to get to know us and feel welcome here." **Newer attendees are welcome to request a printed nametag at any time;** either ask on the attendance registry or stop by the office.

Church Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 A.M. — 3 P.M.

Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesdays: 9³⁰ A.M. — 12 P.M. (Feel free to visit)

Staff:

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, III
Administrative Assistant:	Laura Ferguson
Director of Music:	Judy White
Ministers:	All Members
Custodians:	Laura & Randy Ferguson

Assisting This Week (March 4th):

Counters:	Sherry Pickett, Virginia Tuttle
Liturgist:	Marcus Kelley
Communion Steward:	Brian Johns
Nursery:	TBD
Hospitality:	Nurture Team
Trustee on Duty:	Brian Johns
Ushers:	Brian Johns, Bob Robinson

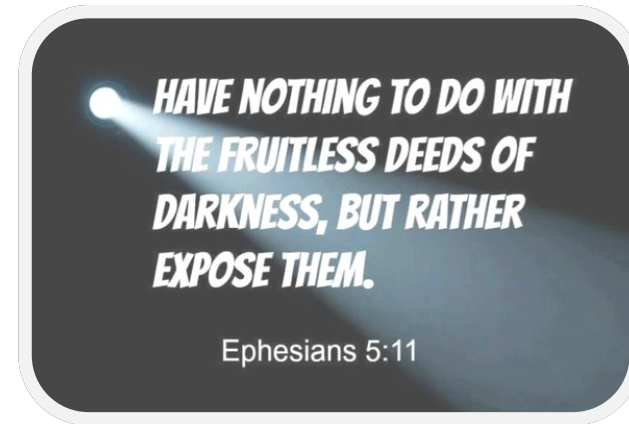
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Witness: *We share our joys, connections, and concerns with Christ.*

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5: 5-11 (NT p. 183)



We Hear God's Word

Anthem *God So Loved The World* Larson

Message "Led By The Light"
Sermon Text: Ephesians 5: 5-11 (NT p. 183)

We Respond with Our Lives

✠ Hymn of Invitation	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	no. 206
Communion	<i>Musical Setting A</i>	p. 17
	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	no. 618
✠ Benediction		
✠ Pass the Peace:	"The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."	