

In lieu of altar flowers a donation has been made by Rosilyn Dudley, given to the glory of God and in honor of her twin sister, Carolyn Loritsch.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

George Spivey 1/29
 Packard Clifton 1/29
 Mary Jane Ferrell 1/29
 Janet Allen 1/29
 Sandy Griffin 2/1
 Sonny Jessup 2/1
 Linda Dunn 2/2
 Grace Foley 2/2
 Mary Abrahamson 2/3

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Acolyte: Elliana Stiegel
Deacon on Call: Rosilyn Dudley

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THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 1/29

9:00 pm Chancel Choir
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Seekers' Class
 9:30 am Senior Pastor's Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service
 3:00 pm Genesis Chimes and JuBELLation
 3:15 pm Youth Band
 3:40 pm Children's Choir
 4:00 pm Youth Choir
 4:30 pm Young Ringer
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
 5:15 pm Little Lights

Monday 1/30

6:45 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday 2/1

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday 2/2

6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

Friday 2/3

6:30 pm NA Meeting
 6:30 pm Special Fridays

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 4:30 pm Young Ringer
 4:30 pm KICK
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
 5:30 pm COOL/EDGE

Chili Bingo Night Returns in February!

Chili Bingo is returning on Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 pm in our Community Life Center for our church family and Elon students! Please join us for chili, bingo and a lot of fellowship and fun. We want you to bring your favorite chili or dessert to share. We ask that if you are not preparing chili or a dessert that you bring canned goods for the food pantry. Chili Bingo will be a lot of fun and we look forward to seeing you on February 7! Sign up on the insert if you plan to provide chili or a dessert.

SCOUT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 12 AT WORSHIP

We will hold Scout Sunday on February 12 at worship and invite all our scouts to be a part of the service. No matter what type of scout you are, wear your uniform to worship and stand proud with fellow scouts. Our role in support of Cub dens, two scout troops, our Explorers Group and two girl scout troops is very important to the church for over 40 years. Let us recognize our leaders, scouts, and families! Be sure to take part on February 12!

CHANGES TO WINTERFAITH THIS YEAR

In concert with the Truitt Center of Elon University, we are departing from January Winterfaith meetings. With a highly attended Study Abroad program in full swing for students during Elon University's J term, it became apparent that to increase growth in our shared community project we had to make a change. Therefore we have decided to move Winterfaith to February during the beginning of the Spring term! The new dates and exciting opportunities are as follows:

Wed. Feb. 8, McBride Room of the Interfaith Center 12:30-1:45 pm

Wed. Feb. 15 in our Community Life Center 12:30-1:45 pm

Sat. Feb. 18 at the University, 6:30 pm, Dinner and Special Speaker

These changes will allow more students to take part along with a bigger cross-section of our congregation by adding the evening gathering. We are moving to panel groups with multiple faiths to bring a greater awareness to each faith and how we intersect and deal with issues of the day. This is going to be a truly exciting opportunity so set your calendar to take part in this new way to increase interfaith awareness and faithful action. More to come in our future communications!

Make Plans for a Night at the Movies

Sponsored by our own Justice and Witness Committee

Take a Thursday night off and come to the movies! The film is "Racist Roots", prepared by the Center for Death Penalty Litigation (CDPL). It will be shown on **Thursday February 16, 2023 at Burlington's own Paramount Theater.** Following the film will be a panel discussion. This can be a learning experience. You will learn more about how deeply entangled the North Carolina death penalty is with slavery, lynching and racism. This is a vital topic as the entire country and individual states like North Carolina continues to grapple with whether to use the death penalty and how to implement it. If you are concerned about racism and how it insinuates itself into our culture, this is a must see film.

Women's Fellowship - How about a Trip to Israel?

Please plan on attending the Women's Fellowship Meeting on Monday, February 6 at 10:30 in the CLC Classroom (Zoom Room). You can come in person or on Zoom. Lucy Saconn will be taking us to The Holy Land via photos and engaging conversation from her trip. Whether you've been attending Women's Fellowship for years, months, or never, please join us! Contact Bev Orwig if you have any questions.

Green Church Suggestion: Trees are vital to our personal health and that of our environment. Well-placed trees around your home provide essential shade, which lowers the temperature of your house. Planting these new-growth forests replace the trees that have been cut down for paper goods and also serve to extract carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere.



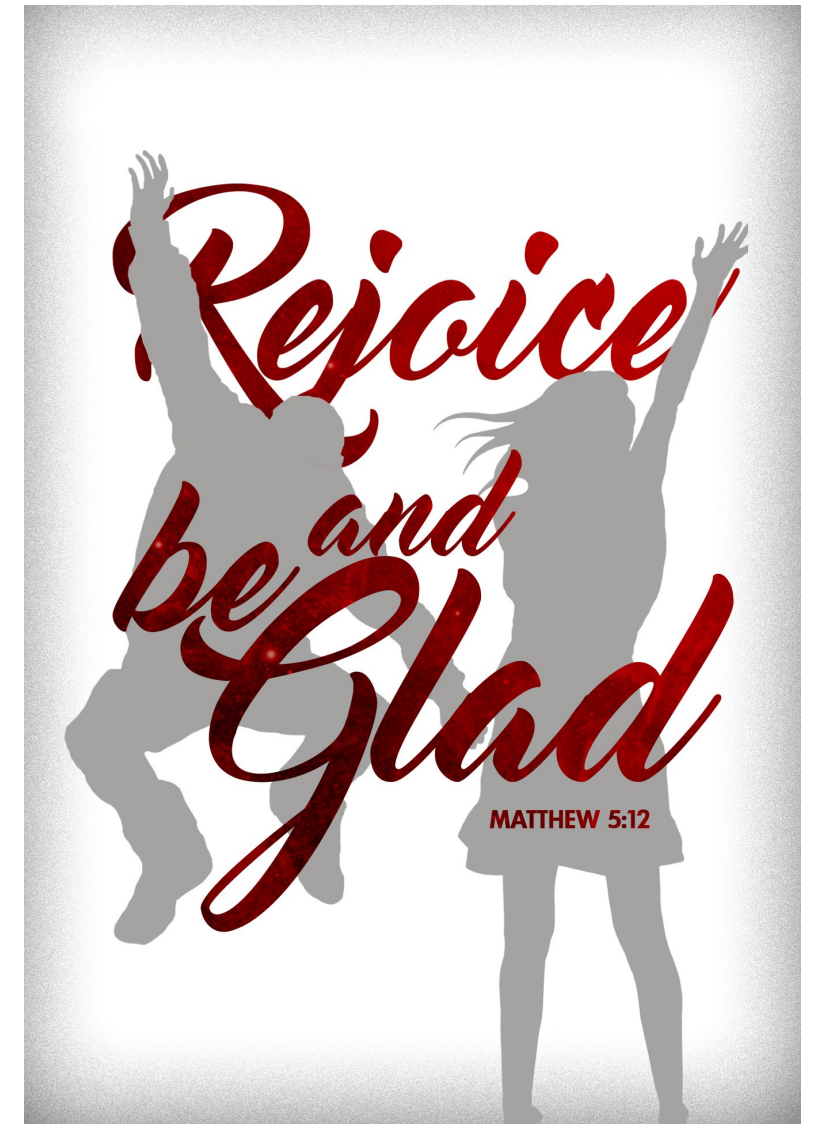
Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.

JANUARY 29, 2023

10:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 Health and Human Service Sunday

We welcome all guests and members who worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please take time to sign the visitor portion of the insert and leave it in the offering plate at either exit. Please join us at Meet and Greet



Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D (Fugue)

William Selby
(1738-1798)

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Foot Washing God, who bends down,
All: who comes prepared with water and linens,
 Leader: who first loved us, so that we may know how to love,
All: we gather here in your Spirit of service.
 Leader: You taught us how no one is greater than the other,
All: no messenger outranks the sender.
 Leader: And so, we come to worship both as givers and receivers,
All: the washers and the washed.
 Leader: We unite at the basin and the table, finding the grace only you
 can give,
All: to embolden us to go and do likewise.

† HYMN 70

God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
 May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
 Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
 Here are table, font, and pulpit, here the cross has central place.
 Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
 Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
 Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
 Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
 What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Sovereign God, of earth and heaven, in an age of change and doubt
 Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
 Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
 We who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Spirit of Extravagant Welcome, help us to invite all parts of
 ourselves into worship today. Guide us to see no stranger within us or
 around us as we care for our world as the Body of Christ. Help us to
 break down all barriers to belonging and the systems sustained by suf-
 fering and greed. For, in discipleship there is abundance through togeth-
 erness and your acceptance of all we feel, carry, and desire. So, today,
 and on any given Sunday, use all that we bring to build a sanctuary for
 you. Amen.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of God be with you.
All: And also with you.
 Leader: Now share that peace with your neighbors.

*Please let people know what you wish by waving, a fist out to bump,
 or if you are open to a handshake or even a hug.*

† 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.**

Encountering the Sacred Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6: 1-8

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Leaders: Through this scripture God is still speaking.
All: And we are listening!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Little Children Come Unto Me

SILER

**Little children come unto me, Little children come unto me.
 You are made in God's image so perfectly.
 Little children come unto me.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 1-12

Page 4 (NT)

SERMON

What Inspires Us?

Randy Orwig

Responding to the Word

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison. "Forgive us our **trespasses...**")

*Please address God in the way that is most comfortable to you:
 "Our Father," "Our Father and Mother," "Our God," etc.*

PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Call to Give

The Symbolic Giving of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY

Open Our Eyes

Frederic West MacDonald/
Will C. Macfarlane

† THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below!
 Sing your praises, Alleluia!
 Praise God above you heavenly host;
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: The friendship of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!
 Leader: Let us present our acts of service along with this offering to our
 God.
All: And our hearts and minds to be opened to do even more.
 Leader: O Spirit of Fellowship,
All: in you may our offering be fruitful. Amen.

Sending God's People

† HYMN 454

Lord, I Want to Be A Christian In My Heart

I WANT TO BE
A CHRISTIAN

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
 In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
 In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more holy, in my heart, in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
 In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
 In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

WEARY LAND
African-American Spiritual
arr. John Carter (b. 1940)

† You are invited to stand as able at these moments.