

In lieu of altar flowers a donation has been made to Our Church's Wider Mission by Katherine Floyd, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Emmett O. Floyd.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Faye Conally	3/19
Ron Steele	3/20
Anna Covington	3/21
Jonathan Chapman	3/21
Beth Coker	3/21
Bob Abrahamson	3/23
Meredith Harrison	3/25

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Received Last Week: \$325.00
 Received to Date: \$106,128.43
 Expenses to Date: \$118,600.53

Elon Community Church Staff

Senior Pastor x. 102

Rev. Randy Orwig

Associate Pastor x. 103

Rev. Sharon Wheeler

Office Manager x. 101

Monica F. Nicholson

Finance Director x. 104

Lori Watson

Organist

Joy Rust

Choir Director

Dr. Stephen Futrell

Bell Choirs Director

Claire Jurs

Nursery Attendant

Priscilla Cotton

Custodian

Delinda Anderson



Office Hours & Contact Information

Hours: Monday—Thursday
10:00 am—4:00 pm

Address: 271 N. Williamson Ave.
PO Box 625
Elon, NC 27244

Phone: (336)584-0391

E-mail: eloncommunitychurch@gmail.com

eloncommunitychurch.org



Rev. Randy Orwig's contact information:

Cell: (336)214-1304

E-mail: RevRandyECC@att.net

THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 3/19

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
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
 5:30 pm COOL/EDGE

Monday 3/20

6:45 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 3/21

6:00 pm PFLAG

Wednesday 3/22

5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop
 8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday 3/23

3:00 pm Faith Walk
 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

Friday 3/24

6:30 pm NA Meeting

Sunday 3/26

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
 12:00 pm Justice and Witness
 3:00 pm Genesis Chimes and JuBELLation
 3:15 pm Youth Choir
 3:40 pm Children's Choir
 3:45 pm Youth Band
 4:30 pm Young Ringers
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
 6:00 pm Catholic Supper

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Lucy Saconn

Acolyte: Lincoln Ramsey

Deacon on Call: Bev Orwig

Ushers: Colleen Gutierrez and Ralph Waller

A/V Team: Stephen Stiegel and Bud Fisher

Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Lunch

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Lunch will be held following worship on Sunday, April 2. We invite our children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends to join us for lunch and our Easter Egg Hunt. What do we need from the congregation? Candy! If you will bring a bag of wrapped candy and drop the candy off in the boxes located in the atrium and narthex of the church, that would be super. Boxes will be placed during the month of March for the candy drop off. You are also invited to join us for lunch on April 2 after our Palm Sunday Service. If you plan to do so, sign up on the insert.

Community Storyhealing Workshop March 29, Wednesday 5:30-8:30

Story-healing towards intergenerational peace and empowerment with Camilo Romero

Conflict and its collective resolution applies to each of our families and all of our communities, especially in these times of pandemics and politics. Each of us carries trauma from our own lives and that of generations before us. Our workshop is an opportunity to explore creative and interactive methods of rage and reconciliation, resentment and resilience. Our workshop will center around community building through story-telling. We will begin with introductions of each participant and explain the origins of ReGeneración (www.regeneracion.co) as a movement for empowerment of those who have been invisibilized for generations. We will then discuss our children's book project and form small groups to act out "sociodramas", spontaneous performances that challenge us to utilize all parts of our selves to identify, confront, and resolve conflicts within our environment. Our workshop is meant to be collaborative as each of us are experts in our story. Welcome. *Dinner included. This event is cosponsored by the Power and Place Collaborative, Geography, Peace and Conflict Studies, International and Global Studies, and Latin American Studies programs, and the Design Forge.* Register at:

<https://calendly.com/dlake/pre-forge-community-workshop?month=2023-03>

Join us for Passover Seder Dinner

We will spend Maundy Thursday in a different way this year! We will be in the Community Life Center at 5:30—7 pm with the Jewish Community of Elon University as we together observe Passover with a (shortened version) of the Seder Dinner which coincides with our Maundy Thursday this year. This is a rare opportunity to share in an interfaith setting and with students as we prayerfully gather for food and the traditional observance of the Haggadah, the telling of the liberation from Egypt. The cost of this fully provided meal is \$12 person if you can afford it, but cost is not a factor. Register with us by signing up on the next few Sundays or leave a message at the office, or email eloncommunitychurch@gmail.com to give us your name, any dietary restrictions, and you can pay online or check to the church with Seder Dinner in the memo. Sign-up as we do have a limit of 45 people for this event.

Green Church Suggestions: Cover pans when cooking: Whenever you cook on the hob, always try to cover the pans – this reduces the amount of energy that escapes from open pans, plus the amount of time it takes to heat up food and boil water.



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

MARCH 19, 2023
10:30 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 immediately after worship for light refreshments and fellowship!

Jesus said,
 "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

JOHN 9:39, ESV



Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE In the Cross of Christ I Glory RATHBUN
Setting by David Cherwien
(b. 1957)

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Kindred of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth and God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of, and the humble of heart to assemble to receive anointing.

All: In peace, we anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest, and unlikeliest of siblings whom God has raised up to serve.

Leader: Though the call may involve risk and danger, we are called to listen, obey, and live a love unwavering.

All: In peace, we anoint the disinherited and dismissed.

Leader: God's call does not depend on our outward appearance or our earthly achievements.

All: In peace, we anoint neighbor and kin alike, knowing God looks upon the heart. Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.

† HYMN 193 In the Cross of Christ I Glory RATHBUN

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers 'round its head sublime.*

*When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.*

*When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.*

*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.*

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers 'round its head sublime.*

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of surprises, we know that we do not often perceive the world as you do. We look to fame, winners, and unreachable standards. Yet, in spite of our misguided reach towards perfection, you give us glimpses of your grandeur and grace. Instead of openness to surprise we drift towards the same old ways we know. Through the Cross may we experience new oil that may anoint us by your love so that we may set out into your world to bless and anoint others. In the name of the One whose love and peace makes all things new we pray. Amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, receive the anointing of God's tender love and forgiveness this day. For God's care and compassion for us abides in our hearts today and always.

All: We rise and set out restored and renewed. Amen!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Now share that peace with one another.

† LENTEN RESPONSE Give Me A Clean Heart DOUROUX

**Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.
God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.**

Encountering the Sacred Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Samuel 16: 1-13 Page 257 (OT)

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 John 9: 1-41 Page 100 (NT)

SERMON Waking, Finding, and Following Rev. 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 The Lord is My Shepherd Allen Pote

† THE DOXOLOGY OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sending God's People

† HYMN 472 Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:*

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my day is almost gone,
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall: (R)*

*When the shadows appear and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: (R)*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

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