

In lieu of altar flowers a donation was given to the glory of God by Ron and Sue Baker.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Paula James	3/12
Madison Keeney	3/14
Lee Long	3/15
Jane McLelland	3/15
Gayle Pollard	3/15
Joy Osborne	3/15
Wendy McBride	3/16
Ophel Rose	3/16
Bob Ayers	3/17
April Simpson-Coble	3/17
Tom Lucier	3/18

**FINANCIAL UPDATES**

Received Last Week: \$25,687.00  
 Received to Date: \$105,642.13  
 Expenses to Date: \$88,573.35

**Elon Community Church Staff**

**Senior Pastor**

Rev. Randy Orwig

**Associate Pastor**

Rev. Sharon Wheeler

**Office Manager**

Monica F. Nicholson

**Finance Director**

Lori Watson

**Organist**

Joy Rust

**Choir Director**

Dr. Stephen Futrell

**Bell Choirs Director**

Claire Jurs

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**THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 3/12—Daylight Savings**

- 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 Choir
- 3:40 pm Children's Choir
- 3:45 pm Youth Band
- 4:30 pm KICK
- 4:30 pm Young Ringers
- 6:00 pm Church Night
- 7:00 pm Church Council

**Monday 3/13**

- 6:45 pm Cub Scouts

**Tuesday 3/14**

- 7:00 pm PFLAG

**Wednesday 3/15**

- 6:00 pm Lent Prayer Workshop
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting

**Thursday 3/16**

- 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

**Friday 3/17—St. Patrick's Day**

- 6:30 pm NA Meeting

**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

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Liturgist:** Youth Group

**Acolyte:** Tessa Byerly

**Deacon on Call:** Ted Henson

**Ushers:** John Henderson and Scott Masteller

**A/V Team:** Gene Lentz and Rich Roedner

**Prayer, Peace, and Truth— Wednesdays March 15, 6:30 PM**

Vegetable or Tomato Soup and Salad with Bread Prayer Workshop – It is time to explore prayer in all its facets, using prayer in public, praying out loud and in the quiet. The role of prayer and the utter importance of prayer in our faith walks. Prayer is not obsolete, but it has also been shifted and seen in ways that has hurt our ability or even willingness to pray. Be sure to take part in this important time!

**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](http://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 Sedar 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](mailto: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:** Refuse: This one is as easy as saying no. Bottled water, to-go cups, plastic cutlery, single-use straws, plastic bags—all of these everyday items have eco-friendly replacements that are reusable—and bonus, will help you save money!



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

MARCH 12, 2023  
10:30 AM  
THIRD 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!



# Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE                      Angels' Voices                      Johann Burgmüller  
   Whitman Stiegel, piano

   Softly Whisper                      Kevin Costley  
   Elliana Stiegel, piano

## The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP    *Emily Stimpson, Brielle Orwig, Tessa Byerly, Kennedy Ramsey*  
Leader:                      Come on everybody, let's sing to the Lord.  
Children and Youth:    *Let's Rejoice in song.*  
**All:**                              **Let us all join in praise.**  
Leader:                      Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
Children and Youth:    *He blesses us with the earth.*  
**All:**                              **He created all that is living!**  
Leader:                      Let us kneel before the Lord.  
Children and Youth:    *For you are God!*  
**All:**                              **And God speaks and we shall listen.**  
Leader:                      The Lord loves us!  
Children and Youth:    *And we love God!*  
**All:**                              **Let us praise God's Name!**

† HYMN 190                      Beneath the Cross of Jesus                      ST. CHRISTOPHER

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus within my mind I see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my grieving heart with tears two wonders I confess –  
The wonders of Christ's glorious love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of Christ's face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Spirit of Love, Spirit of Truth, Guide us as we pray, to think and wish and praise the best and mean the words we say. Hushed in our quiet place, still is this place of prayer. Silent, we bow our hearts and feel your presence everywhere. Amen.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE                      *Whitman Stiegel*

Leader:                      The Peace of God be with you.  
**All:**                              **And also with you.**  
Leader:                      Pass the peace with one another, while searching to find those who have your representation of Peace found in your bulletin.

*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.*

† 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

ANTHEM                      Welcome to Wherever You Are  
   Words and Music by John Bon Jovi, Richie Sambora, and John Shanks

*Maybe we're all different, but we're still the same,  
We all got the blood of Eden, running through our veins.  
I know sometimes it's hard for you to see;  
You're caught between just who you are and who you wanna be.  
If you feel alone, and lost, and need a friend,  
Remember every new beginning is some beginning's end.*

*[Chorus] Welcome to wherever you are,  
This is your life, you made it this far.  
Welcome, you gotta believe  
That right here right now you're exactly where you're supposed to be.  
Welcome to wherever you are.*

*When everybody's in, and you're left out,  
And you feel you're drowning in the shadow of a doubt;  
Everyone's a miracle in their own way,  
Just listen to yourself, not what other people say.  
When it seems you're lost, alone, and feeling down,  
Remember everybody's different,  
Just take a look around.*

*Be who you want to be, be who you are,  
Everyone's a hero, everyone's a star.  
When you wanna give up, and your heart's about to break,  
Remember that you're perfect, God makes no mistakes.*

**Youth Band:**    **Tessa Byerly, guitar/vocals**                      **Carmen Martin, vocals**  
   **Kennedy Ramsey, keyboard/vocals**                      **Brielle Orwig, vocals**  
   **Whitman Stiegel, bass keyboard/vocals**                      **Will Stimpson, drums**

SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Exodus 17:1-7                      Page 63 (OT)  
   Reese Kline

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

CHILDREN'S TIME                      Simon Says                      *Skylar Foxworth and Will Stimpson*

GOSPEL DRAMA                      John 4:26-56                      Page 93 (NT)

*Disciples—Abby Stimpson, Whit Stiegel, Madison Gregory, Shayna Tang  
Jesus—Wylie Kline, Woman at the Well—Skylar Foxworth*

# Responding to the Word

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS                      *Rev. Sharon Wheeler*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE                      *Thomas Gregory and Lincoln Ramsey*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER                      NCH Page 878

**Response:    Hear Us, O God.**

PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Call to Give

The Symbolic Giving of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY                      Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel                      arr. by Lloyd Larson  
   Young Ringers

† 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 433                      In the Bulb There Is a Flower                      PROMISE

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

† BENEDICTION                      *Jack Mullen*

† POSTLUDE

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