

In lieu of altar flowers a donation has been made to the Refugee Fund by Barbara Gerhardt, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Don Gerhardt, following his birthday, which was February 9.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Suzanne Lucier 2/12  
 Christina Hrinko 2/13  
 Michelle Abelson 2/14  
 Sam Huffman 2/15  
 Jakobie Orwig 2/16  
 Chris Burr 2/16  
 Sims Osborne 2/16  
 Lincoln Ramsey 2/17

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Liturgist:** Scouts and Leaders  
**Acolyte:** Silas Jurs  
**Deacon on Call:** Connie Canova  
**Ushers:** John Henderson and Scott Masteller  
**A/V Team:** Rich Roedner and Stephen Stiegel

**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

**Nursery Attendant**  
 Priscilla Cotton

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**THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 2/12**

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 Young Ringer  
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass

**Monday 2/13**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Banquet

**Tuesday 2/14**

7:00 pm PFLAG

**Wednesday 2/15**

12:30 pm Winterfaith—CLC  
 8:00 pm AA Meeting

**Thursday 2/16**

6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

**Friday 2/17**

6:30 pm NA Meeting

**Sunday 2/19—Transfiguration**

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 Ringer  
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass  
 5:30 pm COOL/EDGE  
 6:00 pm Church Night  
 7:00 pm Church Council

**FINANCIAL UPDATES**

Received Last Week: \$2,979.30  
 Received to Date: \$46,214.13  
 Expenses to Date: \$46,794.08

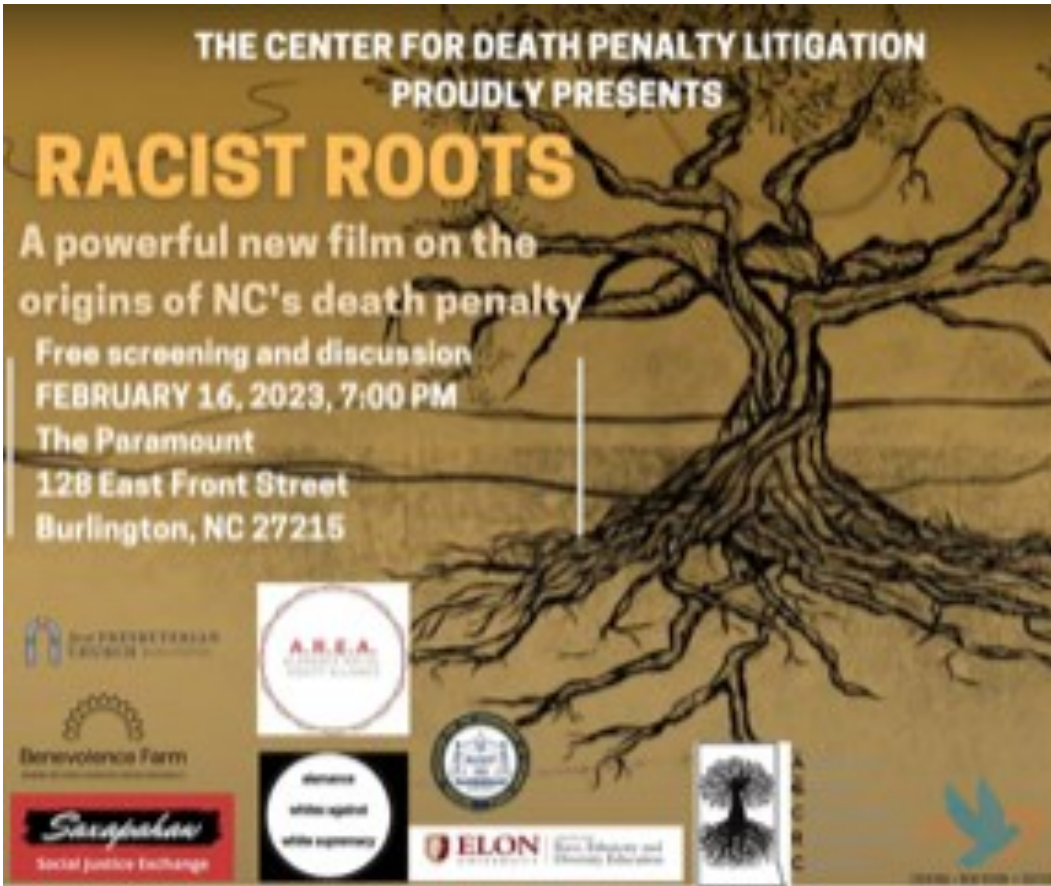
**CHANGES TO WINTERFAITH THIS YEAR**

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 decided to move Winterfaith to February during the beginning of the Spring term! The new dates and exciting opportunities remaining are as follows:

**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. Sign up on the insert if you plan to attend on Wednesday!



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

There will be 2 services again this year. The 12:15pm Ecumenical service will be held for Elon community, university, and ecumenical presence of different ministers from Catholic and protestant churches. Our second service will be at 7 pm with our choir and time to begin our Lenten journey.

**Solar Panel Update:** January had some dismal days, but our solar panels still produced 1.98 MWh of energy, up slightly from December. Since they began producing in January 2019, they have produced 134 MWh. That has saved us \$14,325.85 and prevented 207,595.9 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere. That's equivalent to planting 1,569 trees!



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

FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
 10:30 AM  
 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
*Scout 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 immediately after worship for light refreshments and fellowship!



*Today we welcome Tom Jones as he fills in for our organist, Joy Rust, and thank him for enhancing our worship with his musical gifts.*



# Gathering God's People

CHIMES  
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE Andante grazioso from Divertimento in E-flat Major W. A. Mozart

## The Call

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beautiful are the works of God!  
**All: Beautiful are the skins of God's people!**  
Leader: Beautiful is the mind of God.  
**All: Beautiful also are the hopes and actions of God's people!**  
Leader: Beautiful is the heart of God!  
**All: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!**  
Leader: God show us the way to life and hope!  
**All: We bring many names to you, O God, all in worship and love!**

### † HYMN Kum Ba Yah KUM BA YAH

*Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah. O Lord, Kum ba yah*

*Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, Kum ba yah*

*Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, Kum ba yah*

*Come by here, Lord, Kum ba yah! Come by here, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Come by here, Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, Kum ba yah*

### † INVOCATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE SCOUT OATH

Leader: The Scout oath recognizes our duty to God and the call to honorable service in all we do.  
**All: We look to God and experience the love and presence of God in many ways. "and being fully persuaded that, what God has promised, God will always deliver."**  
*(based on Romans 4: 21)*  
Leader: the Scout oath states: On my honor, I will do my best.  
**All: "I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother or sister, but to wrestle with my greatest enemy—myself."**  
*(A Native American prayer)*  
Leader: The Scout oath continues, "to do my duty to God and my country and obey the Scout law."  
**All: "Fear God and keep God's commandments, for this is our whole duty."***(Ecclesiastes 12: 13)*  
Leader: Scouts, join me as I recite the scout oath: On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.  
**All: "This we know. The earth does not belong to us: we belong to the earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. This we know. (Chief Seattle)**

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of God be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
Leader: Now share this peace as you are called to.

*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.*

† THE HISTORIC PRAISE: 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

### SCOUTING RECOGNITION

#### LITANY ON THE SCOUTS LAW

Leader: The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of boys, girls and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. *(Exodus 20:16)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is trustworthy.**  
Leader: He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. *(Luke 16:10)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is loyal.**  
Leader: You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. *(Leviticus 19:18)* Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.' *(Deuteronomy 15:11)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is helpful.**  
Leader: Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. *(Romans 12:10)* Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity! *(Psalm 133)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is friendly.**  
Leader: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. *(Ephesians 4:29)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is courteous.**  
Leader: A righteous person knows the needs of their animals, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel. *(Proverbs 12:10)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is kind.**  
Leader: Children, obey your parents in the Lord,\* for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'—this is the first commandment with a promise: 'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. *(Ephesians 6:1-3)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is obedient.**  
Leader: A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of the one who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast. *(Proverbs 15:13-15)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is cheerful.**  
Leader: Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest. *(Proverbs 6:6-8)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is thrifty.**  
Leader: Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; God will not fail you or forsake you. *(Deuteronomy 31:6)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is brave.**  
Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. *(Psalm 24:3-5)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is clean.**  
Leader: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with

all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. *(Mark 12:30)*  
**Scouts: A Scout is reverent, they are reverent toward God. They are faithful in their religious following and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Page 185 (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 Matthew 5:21-37 Page 4 (NT)

SERMON To Be A... 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 Alleluia! Sing Praise J.S. Bach, ad. Charles C. Hirt

† 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

## Sending God's People

† HYMN 503 O Savior, Let Me Walk with You MARYTON

*O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true;  
Tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Teach me your patience; let me be in closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.*

*In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.*

### † BLESSING

† POSTLUDE Let All Together Praise Our God J. S. Bach

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