

☞ Sermon Outline

“Becoming Disciples More Faithful Than Teachers”

Part 2. Blessed Are the FROG – Fully Rely On God

Matthew 5:1-12

1. Blessed are the _____ in spirit.

2. Blessed are the _____.

3. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your _____ in heaven.

Keys: 1. poor; 2. merciful; 3. reward

Make Companions in Christ!

Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... [two-by-two] (Matthew 10:1-5)

- Pray for your CIC
- Encounter your CIC
- Define God's Call with your CIC
- Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!

Announcements/ Reminders

1. Welcome all. “February Is Black History Month”

“Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.” James Weldon Johnson

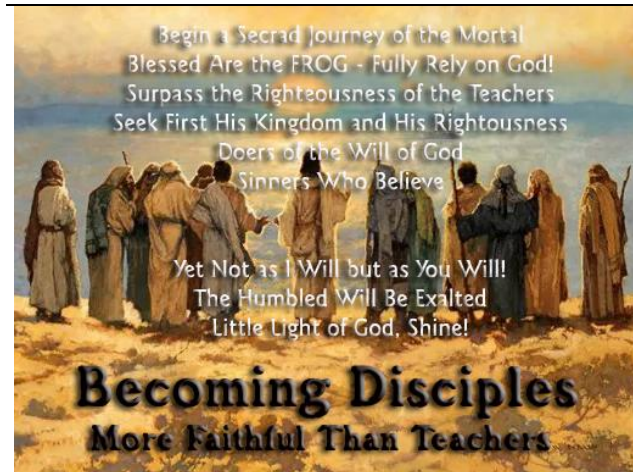
2. Liturgists—thanks!

- + February 22: Rayna Robb
- + March 1: Christine Fattore

3. Join “Lenten Journey at Covenant” (see insert)

4. “Joyful” Music Ministry (Kathryn Herman, Music Director)

- + Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday at 7 p.m.



Becoming Disciples More Faithful Than Teachers

Jesus called, equipped and sent the disciples rather than the teachers of the Law for His Kingdom and Righteousness. Come as the

learners of the gospel, rather than teachers of the Law. Be the faithful disciples in the unfaithful society. Follow Jesus of Nazareth. Alleluia!

❖ Liturgical Highlights during Advent

+ Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, Imposition of Ashes

+ Sun., Feb. 22, First Sunday in Lent;

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service
- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
- 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship

+ Sun., March 1, Second Sunday in Lent

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+ Sun., March 8, Third Sunday in Lent

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Celebration of Worship

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 at 10 a.m.

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Welcome, the Peace, Ministry Opportunities

Prelude "Deep River" Kathryn Herman
African American Spiritual; arranged by K.L. Phillips

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,

P: they shall be like snow;

L: though they are red like crimson,

P: they shall become like wool. Alleluia!

*UMH No. 432 "Jesu, Jesu" CHEREPONI

Opening Prayer Offered in Unison

O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Personal Prayer Offered in Silence

We pray for the people of the State of South Carolina, the Palmetto State, joined our union on May 23, 1788 (settled in 1670). Before European arrival, South Carolina was home to approximately 29 distinct indigenous nations belonging to five major language families. They include the Cherokee (CHAIR-uh-kee0, the Catawba (kuh-TAW-buh), the Casabo (koo-SAH-boh0, the Yamassee (YAM-uh-see), and the Pee Dee. By the time statehood, the transfer of land from indigenous peoples to European settlers was a devastating process, similar to other eastern states, that involved three major elements. First, the indigenous peoples suffered a catastrophic loss of people with historical estimates as high as 90% from European diseases especially smallpox. Second, treaties and "purchases" for land were characterized by misunderstanding where Europeans viewed the sale or transfer of land as permanent, while

indigenous groups often viewed it as a temporary agreement for shared use. Third, warfare and displacement of weakened tribes forced those remaining onto small tracts of land or into complete removal outside the area. Today, the Catawba is the only federally recognized tribe in South Carolina. Also pray for those who live in France, Germany, and Monaco.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures

Offertory "People Need the Lord" Virtual Rendition**
by Phil McHugh & Greg Nelson; arr. by Phil Keverin

*Doxology - UMH No. 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Gospel Lesson "Matthew 5:1-12" New International Version

Musical Offering "Trisagion with Holy, Holy, Holy" Chancel Choir
by Fernando Ortega; arr. by James Barnard

Witness to the Word Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

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Response to the Word

"Commemorating Black History Month" Anita Stonebraker

"The Richmond 34" Kayla Laws

Acknowledgements and Faith Sharing

Welcome visitors. Join our small groups!

*UMH No. 402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" I.W.T.B.A.C.

*Benediction Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

Postlude Kathryn Herman

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

*Congregation may stand as able. **Notes from Kathryn Herman: "A lot has changed since our choir recorded this piece during the pandemic. Some of us have moved to new cities, and some of our beloved members have gone home to be with the Father. Though our voices were recorded in different rooms and different states, our hearts remain anchored in the same truth: now more than ever, People Need the Lord. Please enjoy our virtual rendition of People Need the Lord—a labor of love from our hearts to yours, recorded 'together while apart' to honor the friends we've lost and the Savior we all need."

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sun., February 22, First Sunday in Lent

9a	Children/Youth (Family) Worship	Sanctuary
9:30a	Meet and Greet	Fellowship Hall
10a	Worship	Sanctuary
6p	Sunday Evening Study	thru Zoom

Mon., February 23

11a	Coffee with the Pastor	thru Zoom
1-2p	Bible Study	thru Zoom
5:30p	Staff Meeting	thru Zoom
9p	The Holy Club	thru Zoom

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11-2p	Meet the Pastor	thru Zoom
7p	Tuesday Night Live	thru Zoom
9p	Journey thru the Bible	thru Zoom

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8:30a	Walking Club	Parking lot
12p	High Noon Prayer	Sanctuary/thru Zoom
7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
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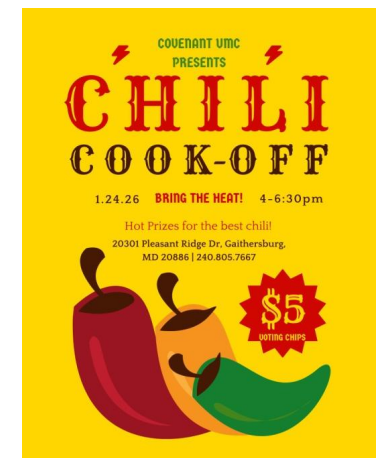
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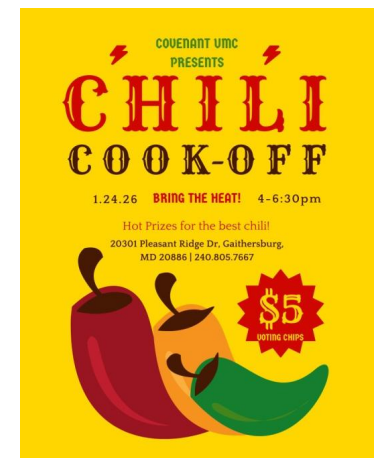
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