

Second Sunday In Lent
March 12, 2017 8:30 am

"*God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.*" (John 4:24)

Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Songs

"There's a Song"
"We are Marching"

TFWS 2141
TFWS 2235-b

Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song

"Christ Beside Me" (v. 1&2)

TFWS 2166

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"God of ages, we come into this holy space asking for Your blessing. Open our ears to hear the blessing of Your Word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. And open our hearts that we may become vessels of Your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. Amen."

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song

"Christ Beside Me" (v. 3)

TFWS 2166

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

"God of salvation, You shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from Your blessing. Free us from unwise choices and redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience Your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on You, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ. Amen."

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis

12: 1- 4

Oden Warman

Gospel Lesson

John

3: 1-17

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.

Message

"The Wind Blows As It Chooses" Rev. Wayne Chung
God speaks to Abraham to leave everything behind and go. Jesus speaks to Nicodemus about being born again. How can these happen? God freely takes the initiative. "I, when I am lifted up, will draw all people to Myself."

Giving in Response to God's Love
Offertory

*Presentation of Offering "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" TFWS 2036

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*Closing Song "In the Midst of New Dimensions" TFWS 2238

*Sending Forth with God's Blessing

Response "Go Ye, go ye into the world,
And take the gospel to all the people.
Go ye, go ye into the world
And I will be with you there."

Postlude

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: The Elliott Family following the death of John's father, Sally Lounsbury having surgery this week, Iva Gene Ward recovering from surgery, Deloras Ward recovering from surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Debbie Holloway's mother recovering from surgery, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Those who travel

Our Presence:

Worship Attendance Last Sunday	201
Average Worship Attendance	188
Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	59

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-December 2016			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$391,895	\$401,811	(\$9,916)	-2%
Missions Fund	\$24,829	\$23,000	\$1,829	8%
P&I Fund	\$27,782	\$24,500	\$3,282	13%
Building Fund	\$76,634	\$70,800	(\$166)	0%
Kitchen Fund	\$60,348	\$6,504	\$53,844	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 33	Other 6	YTD Cereal 293	

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$112,911 as of December 31, 2016

Mortgage Loan Balance = \$511,947 as of December 31, 2016

Our Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Joyce Terry & Missy Zentz
8:30 Greeters & Ushers	Harry Hill & Sam Terry
8:30 Sound Tech	John Wilson
Altar Guild for March	Van King (410-741-1778)
Friendship Hour	Noah's Ark Zone (Sally Lounsbury)
Stephen Ministry Coordinator	Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)
Pastor	Rev. Wayne Chung 443.646.5653 leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org

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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 12, 2017
8:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Our Mission**

: "Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends. Love All; Serve All; Follow One!"

Our Motto

: "Each One, Reach One!"