

Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018 11:00 am

“God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24)

Prelude “A Blessing” (Peterson) Sandy Griese

Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: The pathway is just beginning.

P: We have decided to follow Jesus.

L: Now we are moving toward Jerusalem.

P: The world is behind us; the Cross is before us.

L: Lord, be with us on the journey.

P: We place our faith and trust in Jesus. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “God of Grace and God of Glory” **UMH 577**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

“God of grace and mercy, be with us on this second step of our Lenten journey to the Cross. You have given us everything that comes with life. What can we give in return? Help us to deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus. Amen.”

Casual for the Choir

Anthem “We Are Convinced” Voices In Praise

Children’s Message Ruth Bailey

Hymn Response “Pass It On” **UMH 572**

Lenten Prayer of Confession (in unison)

“Lord, be our guide on our Lenten journey. We expect that once we have said "yes" to the journey everything will go very well. Open our eyes to see that we are not on a nice little trip to a special place where the roses bloom and the birds sing. Turn our minds from human things and set our hearts on divine things. Let us lose all so that we may gain all. Amen.”

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Gospel Lesson **Mark 8:27-38** Coleman Campbell

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

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn of Faith** “Take Up Thy Cross” **UMH 415**

Message: “Take Up Your Cross” Rev. Wayne Chung

Peter confesses that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus explains that He must suffer and die. Peter rebukes Jesus. Jesus rebukes Peter. To the 1st century Jews, "a suffering Messiah" is an oxymoron. Who is Jesus to the 21st century Christians? Discipleship is costly. What is your cross?

Giving in Response to God’s Love

Offertory “Be Not Afraid” (Courtney) Voices In Praise

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH 94**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** “Am I a Soldier of the Cross” **UMH 511**

***Sending Forth with God’s Blessing**

***Hymn Response** “Amen” **UMH 898**

Postlude “Blessed Be Your Name” (arr. Hayes) Sandy Griese

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Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: The family of Phil Ross (brother of Anne Stewart) following his death this week, Tim Gillikin – recovering from a fall, Jay Lounsbury – upcoming surgery, Linda Vann, Jane Bowman, Cheryl Castner’s father – taken to rehab, her niece, and the Castner family, Jay Lounsbury’s sister, Ann Curry, Helen McGill, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.

Our Presence:	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	182
	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	193
	Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	63

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 2017			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$392,507	\$370,750	\$21,757	6%
Missions Fund	\$29,227	\$23,000	\$6,227	27%
P&I Fund	\$19,734	\$18,000	\$1,734	10%
Building Fund	\$76,955	\$66,000	\$10,955	18%
Kitchen Fund	\$10,750	\$24,000	(\$13,250)	-55%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 30	Other 8	YTD Cereal	234

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$114,571/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$344,360 as of December 31, 2017

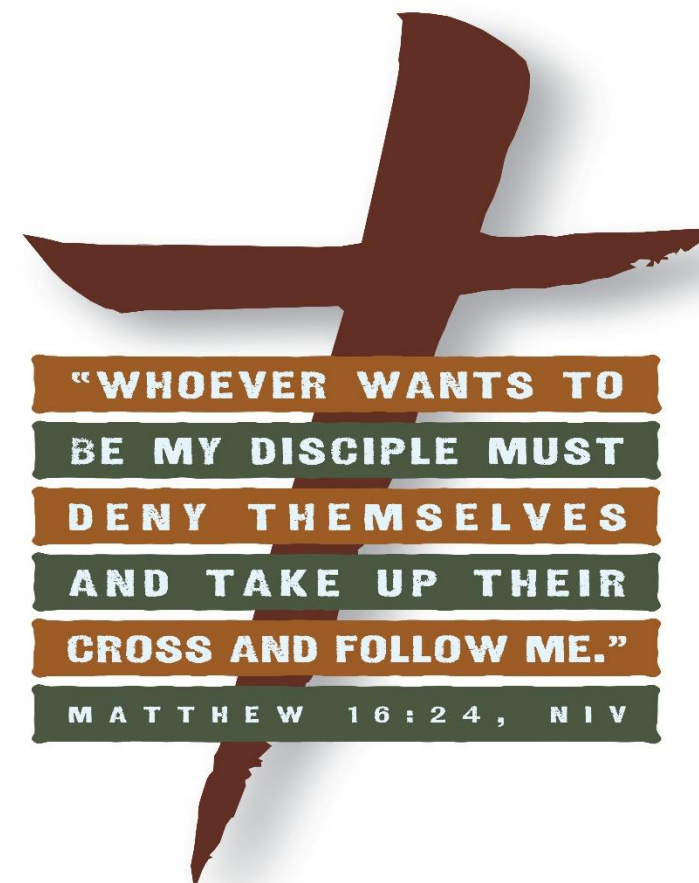
Service:

- 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
- Children & Youth Ministry Coord.: Courtney Eversfield cymc@friendshipmethodist.org
- Custodian: Jim Fowler
- Counters: Joyce Terry & Judy McGowan
- Usher(s): Darlene Curtis
- Junior Usher: Ben Heyer
- Acolytes: Rebecca & Seth Heyer
- 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: Wayne Chung 443.646.5653 leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**“WHOEVER WANTS TO
BE MY DISCIPLE MUST
DENY THEMSELVES
AND TAKE UP THEIR
CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.”
MATTHEW 16:24, NIV**

Our Mission: “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

Our Motto: “Each One, Reach One!”

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