

TITHES AND OFFERING “HE WORKED IT OUT” **ANDERSON’S SANCTUARY CHOIR**

SCRIPTURE ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17 **SIS. NATALIE HOLMES**

MUSIC MINISTRY “MY SOUL HAS BEEN ANCHORED” **ANDERSON’S SANCTUARY CHOIR**

MESSAGE “WHEN YOUR FAITH IS CREDITED TO RIGHTEOUSNESS” **DR. STEPHEN T. COOK**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP **DR. STEPHEN T. COOK**

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH **DR. STEPHEN T. COOK**

HOLY WEEK

Join us for Holy Week Praise and Worship at St. Luke’s on Duling Street from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 30th — Rev. Dr. Stephen T. Cook will preach along with Anderson’s Sanctuary Choir.

Tuesday, March 31st — Rev. Dawn Flowers with Parkway Hills United Methodist Church

Wednesday, April 1st —Rev. Bruce Case with St. Luke United Methodist Church

Lunch will be served starting at 12:30 p.m. To go plates will be available.

The Easter Play “Love’s Greatest Hero” will be held on Wednesday, April 1st starting at 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday will be held on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The Last Supper will be served.

Carry the Cross walk will be held on Friday, April 3rd starting at 10:00 a.m.

An Easter Jamboree will be held on Saturday, April 4th. Time will be announced.

Join us for Sunrise Worship Experience on Sunday, April 5th at 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Bruce Case will be our preacher. Breakfast will be served.

Join us for Easter Worship Experience on Sunday, April 5th at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT IN

Dear God, please touch with Your healing hands. Make me strong again. Take away sickness from my body. Remove every pain and weakness. Help me believe that You can make me better. I trust You to heal me completely. Thank You for loving me and caring for me. Restore my health so I can serve You again. In Jesus’ name, Amen. Pastor Cook’s father: Fernando Cook, Rev. Linda Williams’ mother: Birdia Williams, Eugene Williams, Edna Nelson, Dianne Morris, Clotea Fisher, Traci Brent, Keyun Swinney, Joyce Beal, Michael Folkes, Lester Thurman, Otto Love, Sr. Angela Rosell, KatieDeloris Harrion, Anthony Rawls, Norris Bishop, Clyde Adams, Queen Jones, Sandra Bell Dorothy Cage, Joseph Cage, Lucious Cage, Sianna Armstrong, Sasha Seaberry and Flossie Jackson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE

Erica McKinley who lost her mother, Hellen Harris who lost her brother, Rev, Richard Scott who lost his sister, Viscia Webster lost her mother, Zinda Davis and Aslee Haynes, who lost their brother.

ANDERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd Sunday
of Lent

JOIN US FOR LENTEN LUNCH 12:00 P.M. — 12:30 P.M.

March 4th — Rev. John Allen - Luke 23: 43

March 11th — Youth Minister LaShunna McInnis - John 19:26-27

March 18th — Leola Graham Johnson - Matthew 27:46 & John 19:28

March 25th — Ms. Anita Dottes - John 19:30 & Luke 23:46

PRAYER! PRAISE! AND PROCLAMATION!

will be held at 6:00 p.m. with food served starting at 5:15 p.m.

March 4th -“Instructions on Right Beliefs and Instructions for the Church”

Rev. Dr. Stephen T. Cook - I Timothy 1 & 2

March 11th -- “Instructions for the Church” Part 2

Rev. Brian Crawford - 1 Timothy 3

March 18th -“Instructions for Elders” Part 1

Rev. John Allen - I Timothy 4 & 5

March 25th -“Instructions for Elders” Part 2

Youth Minister LaShunna McInnis - I Timothy 6

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!

New members’ classes will be held Sunday, March 8th, Sunday, March 15th, Sunday, March 22nd, and Sunday, March 29th at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 110. If you have missed any of the scheduled sessions, you are welcome to attend the remaining classes to complete your participation.

NEW MEMBERS & ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD LUNCHEON

will be held on Sunday, March 15th immediately following

10:15 a.m. service in The Upper Room.

All Administrative Board members are asked to attend.

Rev. Dr. Stephen T. Cook, Senior Pastor

Rev. John Allen, Associate Pastor Rev. Linda Williams, Associate Pastor

March 1, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC “GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU” **ANDERSON SANCTUARY CHOIR**

CALL TO WORSHIP **SIS. NATALIE HOLMES**

Leader: Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works.

People: We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.

Leader: Like Nicodemus, who met Jesus in the dark of night, we struggle to accept that new life is not just possible but given as a free gift of grace.

People: We gather to bring our struggles into the light and embrace God’s grace with open arms.

Leader: Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God’s promise of new life has always rested on grace.

People: We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.

Leader: Like the many who have followed, questioned, and grown in the faith, we submit ourselves to be formed by grace as we work out our salvation day by day.

People: We gather as people guided by the promise of new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow.

MORNING HYMN “YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION”

OPENING PRAYER **SIS. NATALIE HOLMES**

O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE **SIS. NATALIE HOLMES**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE **SIS. NATALIE HOLMES**

We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table where, in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other. So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood. Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH **SIS. NATALIE HOLMES**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR LENT **REV. DR. STEPHEN T. COOK SENIOR PASTOR**

Leader: May God be with you.

REV. LINDA WILLIAMS, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

People: May God be with us here.

Leader: We come with all we are, body, mind, and spirit.

People: We offer all we are to God. Let us thank God. We thank God for wisdom, truth, and life.

Holy God of wisdom and power, you alone are worthy of our worship. At your word, creation came into being: stars danced, sunlight gleamed on water, and the earth was filled with growing things. You gave us your commandments to guide us in the ways of justice and righteousness. When we failed to obey your words, choosing greed and self-interest over compassion and caring, your love for us remained steadfast. You sent prophets to call us back to you, reminding us that your ways are filled with abundance. Your scriptures kept your words before us, as generations heard your call. And so, with all of creation, and the great company of heaven, we praise you as we join in the unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy, God of power and strength! Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, and blessed is your child, Jesus Christ. In his life and teaching, he showed us your ways. He welcomed all people, offering forgiveness and a new beginning. He offered healing to aching bodies and spirits. He shared your kingdom, where love and righteousness rule. Following your laws, he dared to challenge places of greed and abuse. He sat with his friends at the table, sharing a meal, knowing that his time was coming. He took the bread, lifted it to you, and blessed it. He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying: “This bread is my life, a gift for you and for many. Eat this bread and remember me.” When the meal was over, Jesus took the cup. He lifted it to you, and giving thanks, he offered it to his friends, saying: “Drink from this cup. This cup represents my love, a sign of the new covenant. It brings forgiveness from sin as it quenches your thirst. Drink from this cup and remember me.” And so, we remember Jesus, who offered himself in love for us. We praise you and give thanks for all that we have received, offering our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ had died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on those gathered at this table and on these gifts of bread and wine. May they become for us the living Christ, renewing us for your work. May we become the body of Christ, sent forth into the world as the living presence of love incarnate, serving creation with joy. Transform us in the power of your Spirit and unite us with Jesus, that we may continue His ministry of peace and reconciliation. Through your child, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Holy God, now and forever. **Amen.**

MUSIC MINISTRY “GOD IS GOOD” **ANDERSON’S SANCTUARY CHOIR**

OFFERTORY PRAYER **REV. JOHN ALLEN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Heavenly Father, we ask for your blessings on these tithes and offerings. May they be used to support your work and to bring your message to the world. **Amen.**