

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 19, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to embrace a new creation.

Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him.

*HYMN *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* No. 475

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to remember we are reborn in Christ, and trust that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...Believe the good news,
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!



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*Called by God
to be the heart, voice, hands and feet of
Christ where the Spirit leads us.*

***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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 Page 154

We live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"For God So Loved the World"* Pote

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"* No. 438

GOSPEL LESSON John 3: 1-17 Page 93

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SERMON *"Birthright"* Patrick Dennis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation

for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that, through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"There Is a Redeemer"* Innes

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *"I've Got Peace like a River"* No. 623

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Prelude and fugue in A minor"* Bach

WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Sarah Dennis, *Director of Christian Formation*;
Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant
Director of Music Ministries*; Leslie Shimer and Carol Martin, *Lay
Readers*; Matthew Moore, *Acolyte*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

We are pleased to have you worship with us and sincerely pray our service inspires and challenges you. You are invited to join us for refreshments in Duntreath Hall after the service so we can get acquainted. Please sign the Friendship Pads when they are passed in the pews. If you are visiting Tuckahoe for the first time, please see an usher in the narthex to receive a gift.

A new member class continues through the last Sunday in March from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. If you are interested in learning about what it means to be a member of our church, please contact Patrick Dennis via email at patrick.dennis@tuckahoepres.org or by calling the church office at 804-282-2860.

The flowers are given by Dave and Kathy Bauer to the Glory of God and in honor of Lillian Van Rompay and Sarah Tenorio. **Nursery helpers** are William Adair, Pat Miller and Kerry Barksdale.

Pastoral Care Concerns:

Hospitalized or recovering: Mildred Jones, Kaye Keyes, Virginia Newton and Stacey Orcutt

Prayers for God's comfort: Harriette Kent and Margaret Yuhas

Join us following worship today for our "Lucky Us Luncheon" in Duntreath Hall. The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring this

extended fellowship time as a way for us to share with each other our many blessings.

Childcare is provided during the worship hour for children infant through first grade. The Nursery in Room 104 is designed for infants through 23 months. Two and three year olds may be taken to Room 102. Children age 4 through 1st grades may be taken to Room 105 for childcare. Parents are responsible for picking up children from childcare at the conclusion of the service.

Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor for a half hour of weekly time of prayer. We will join our hearts together to pray for our congregation, our city, our world and each other. Different ways of praying will also be explored.

Join us for this week's Wednesday Night Supper. Cooking Team #7 will prepare pork tenderloin, peas, potatoes, apples, rolls and dessert. This week we welcome Professor John Carroll—Harriet Robertson Fitts Memorial Professor of New Testament at UPS. His topic, this week and next, is *"God with Us in the Gospels"*. Please sign up on the friendship pads during worship today, call the church office by Monday afternoon, or register on our web-site by clicking the Wednesday Night Supper block on the home page.

Our Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for next Saturday, March 25th and we need ALL HANDS ON DECK! All members of the congregation are invited to join us...the more people that show up, the more jobs we can get accomplished. Youth, remember that you can get community service hours for helping out! We'll meet in Room 106 with a light breakfast of muffins, coffee and juice to get us started at 8:00 am. But come anytime during the morning. We'll have tasks inside and out—for young and old. We have a special need for gas or electric trimmers/weed eaters, if you can bring one to share. Please bring your gloves and willingness to help. Contact Tom Lee, 740-4907 if you have suggestions or questions.

The disciplines of self-examination and prayer are central features of Lent. But those disciplines should not stop at Easter. In an effort to support this, we have placed “Prayer Request” cards inside the blue-covered friendship pads in the pews. We encourage everyone to make use of these for personal or corporate petitions or thanksgivings. You may indicate on the card whether you would like the Pastor, the Prayer Group, and/or the Deacons (it may be any one, two, or all three) to pray for your request. You may then place your request in the secured box on the table in the Narthex nearest Duntreath Hall. Pastor Dennis will open the box on Mondays and distribute the cards as indicated.

Work Hard, Play Harder! Camp Hanover has an opportunity for high schoolers with a heart for service. **Mission Possible** campers will live at camp, but venture into the city of Richmond for various mission projects. There will still be time for favorite camp activities on site. For more information, or to register for either event, visit the camp website at www.CampHanover.org or contact the camp office at (804) 779-2811.

Mark your calendars for “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?” This fun, church wide dinner for adults of all ages is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. Now for the FUN part! A number of people will prepare dinner for 4, 6 or 8 guests. It may be a simple dinner of soup and salad, pizza, or a cookout--nothing elaborate. And, the “guess who” part is that the hosts will not reveal they are hosting and will not know who is coming to their home; the guests will not tell anyone they are attending the dinner and won’t know until the day before where they are going for dinner! Grab a friend or be adventurous and go it alone! Child care will be provided at the church from 5:30 to 8 pm. At the end of the evening, everyone will meet for dessert and coffee at Duntreath Hall at 8 pm. Then no one will have to guess who came to dinner! **Needed Now: Hosts to**

serve dinner. **After April 9:** Guests to attend dinner. Contact Amy Glass 804-379-3072 or akglass@hotmail.com.

LECTIONARY TEXT FOR THIS SUNDAY:
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

NEXT WEEK’S **THE STORY** READING:
Chapter 24 – No Ordinary Man
Mark 4 – 6, Luke 10, 15, Matthew 5 – 7, 14

Need more information about Tuckahoe, our mission, ministries and events? Just scan the QR code below with your smartphone and you’ll be directed to our church website!

After Worship
6:00 PM

Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
Youth Group - Duntreath Hall

THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 AM New Member Class - Church Parlor
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- After Worship "Lucky Us Lunch" - Duntreath Hall
- 12:30 PM Liberation Family Services Brown Bag Lunches

Monday, March 20 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

- 6:00 PM Theology on Tap - Travinia Restaurant, Willow Lawn

Tuesday, March 21 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

- 9:30 AM Morning Prayer - Church Parlor
- 10:30 PM Java with Jesus - Martin's, Village Shopping Center, upstairs

Wednesday, March 22 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting - Workroom
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper & Program - Duntreath Hall
- 6:45 PM KMD Bells
- 7:30 PM Adult Handbells - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Session Meeting - Room 106

Thursday, March 23 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - Room 108
- 6:30 PM The Story Evening Class - Room 106
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, March 24 *Office closed*

- 10:00 AM The Story Class @ Cedarfield

Saturday, March 25

- 8:00 AM Spring Clean-Up Day

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 AM Session Receives New Members - Church Parlor
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship



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