

Please join us for a **potluck** dinner today after the service.

The **Youth Group** will meet today after the potluck.

The **Faith Promise Missions** brochure is in the narthex. It contains updates on all the missions we hope to support in the next year along with a proposed budget and faith promise forms. Please pick up a brochure if you have not done so. Please turn the Faith Promise forms in to the church office or put in the offering plate on or by March 29.

Weekly **Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday at 4:00 PM.

All are invited to attend the weekly **Prayer Group** on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM.

**Choir** rehearsal will be Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

As in past years, we invite you to purchase an **Easter lily** in memory or in honor of loved ones. Order forms are in the narthex. The deadline to order lilies is April 5.

Erwin Presbyterian is collecting **shoes** this month for East Tennessee Christian Home and Academy in Elizabethton. All pairs of shoes are accepted in any condition, except for those with spiked high heels. Shoes should be tied or rubber banded together. A box for collection of the shoes will be located in the narthex. This is an easy way to earn money for ETCHA and helps you clean out your closet.

A **memorial service** will be held for Joan Rule Sams here at the church Saturday (March 21) at 2:00 pm. The family will receive visitors in the fellowship hall beginning at 12:00 noon. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery following the service.

The **scripture readings** for Sunday, March 22 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent) are: 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; and John 9:1–41.

Elder – Scott Shults



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March 15, 2020  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*Stan Webster, Minister*

*People:* **And also with you.**

Welcome & Concerns of the Congregation

Prelude

*Cheryl Wissmann, Organist*

Introit

\*Responsive Call to Worship

*John 4:19-24*

The woman at the well said to Jesus, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

**Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.**

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

**God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."**

\*Hymn "Worthy Is the Lamb"

*Green Hymnbook, #303*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

(By All)

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. And now, dear Lord, hear the prayers deep within the silence of our hearts . . . .**

Silent Prayer

Declaration of Forgiveness

\* “Glory Be To The Father”

*Red Hymnbook, #546*

\*Apostles’ Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

Anthem “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Congregational Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

**And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

**But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.**

Minute for Missions

*Dean Masters*

Young Disciples’ Message

Prayer for Illumination

The Written Word

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

Exodus 17:1-7

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

The Spoken Word

“Water from the Rock”

Prayer of Supplication & Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

*Red Hymnbook, page 12*

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

\*The Doxology

*Red Hymnbook, #544*

\*Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

\*Hymn “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*Green Hymnbook, #328*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

(By All)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.**

**And all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,**

**Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia!**

\*Postlude

*\*Please stand, as you are able.*