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1st Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017 • 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

Welcome to Spanish Fort United Methodist Church!

We pray that the Holy Spirit moves through you as it moves through this service of worship.

Welcome and Greeting

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 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 holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Music

Pastoral Prayer/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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory and Prayer

*Scripture

Genesis 1:26-31 ~ Pew Bible Old Testament, Page 1

Message

"Creed: I Believe in God the Father" *Rev. Rebecca Rutherford*

Holy Communion

We will participate in communion this morning by the practice of intinction. Each station will have available both pita bread (wheat) and gluten free bread. Unless you indicate otherwise to your server, pita bread will be distributed. Gifts left at the altar will be designated for the pastor's discretionary fund.

Closing (You may pray at the altar during the closing song.)

Feel free to sit or stand as we sing songs of praise to our Lord. If you need to step out of the service with your child, the Mother's Room is available in the Sanctuary foyer. Please register your attendance in the gray binder. If you need assistance during the service, please let one of the ushers know.

Serving today in Contemporary worship:

Rev. Rebecca Rutherford, Associate Minister
Andy Cloninger, Contemporary Worship Leader
Jennifer Robertson, Children's Director
Wanda Cooper, Accompanist

Missionaries we support who are serving the Lord to the ends of the earth:

John and Lisa Hamilton;
OMS International in Montevideo, Uruguay
Rob and Amy Ellis;
New Tribes Missions in Tanzania, Africa
Ronnie and Nanny Calvert; Quito, Ecuador
Monica Maxwell; IMB Connecting, in Southern India

Congregation Notes: Our condolences to the family of beloved SFUMC member, Janie Thompson, who passed away on February 27, 2017. She resided at Westminster Village.

Weekly Bible Readings

Meet the challenge to read your entire Bible in one year by spending twelve and a half minutes each day. You can start any time. This week's suggested readings: Sunday, Romans 5-6; Monday, Genesis 8-11; Tuesday, Joshua 11-15; Wednesday, Psalms 6-8; Thursday, Job 5-6; Friday, Isaiah 12-17; Saturday, Matthew 5-7.

This Week...

SUNDAY, March 5

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall, Main Campus)
10:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (Both Campuses)
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (PD101, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Grades 9th-12th (West Campus)

MONDAY, March 6

10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study (Parlor, Main Campus)
2:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Study (PD101, West Campus)
5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (PD101, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Bible Study (West Campus)

TUESDAY, March 7

8:00-Noon Uniform Closet Open (West Campus)
9:00-11:30 a.m. Prodissee Pantry Open (9315 Spanish Fort Blvd.)
Noon Lunch Bunch Women's Bible Study (PD105, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Study Team Meeting (PD102, West Campus)

WEDNESDAY, March 8

5:30 a.m. Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (PD101, West Campus)
3:30 p.m. Bread of Life *ChristCare* Group (PD101, West Campus)
5:15 p.m. Mid-Week Meal: Soup, Salad, & Subs (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Nursery Open, Ages 0-36 Months (Lower Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Extreme Kids Ages 3 yrs-3rd Grade (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Live Out Loud, Grades 4th-5th (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Grades 6th-8th Catapult (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Disciple III Bible Study (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Invitation Bible Study (PD102, West Campus)
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice (MB100, Main Campus)

THURSDAY, March 9

10:00 a.m. Sara Sheppard Circle (Fellowship Hall, Main Campus)
1:00 p.m. Thirsty Thursday Bible Study (Parlor, Main Campus)
7:00 p.m. TLC *ChristCare* Group (Parlor, Main Campus)

SATURDAY, March 11

8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

New Four Station Communion (Intinction style) Begins TODAY

Today, we will begin using four stations for serving intinction style (dipping the bread in the cup) communion. The ushers have been trained on how the new "people flow" will happen. *Please allow them to direct you.* We will begin with the back pews first and move forward.

Each station will have available both pita bread (wheat) and gluten free bread. Unless you indicate otherwise to your server, pita bread will be distributed. Thank you for your patience with us as we work out the glitches and allow you to receive the sacrament.

Worship. Study. Serve.

MISSION FUNDRAISERS...Join us **TODAY** at noon for the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off! This fundraiser will benefit our Summer Mission teams. Come support your team, taste the chili, and vote for your favorite! Tickets are \$10 at the door.

CONFIRMATION DATES...

TODAY-Confirmation Class at 3:30 p.m. in PD101.

March 12-Confirmation Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary-Parents need to attend.

March 19-Confirmation Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service with lunch following for confirmands and their families. RSVP to Beth Allen, at beth@spanishfortumc.org with number attending.

LENTEN STUDY...Beginning **TODAY** during the seven Sundays of Lent, we will be preaching on the major themes of the Creed, and invite you to participate in this church-wide study. We will be using *Creed*, by J.D. Walt, as the format for our series. The book is available for your individual use or to use with a group. You can purchase it from the Welcome Center or church office for \$10

LUNCH BUNCH WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...On **March 7**, a new study will begin. We will be studying "*Present Over Perfect*" by Shauna Niequist. There is a cost for the study guide. If you would like more information, please contact Michele Chapman at born2educ8@gmail.com.

SARA SHEPPARD CIRCLE...Everyone is invited to join us on **March 9**, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m., to hear Dr. Norman McCrummen speak on "Radical Muslims Justification for ISIS." This talk is open to all who would like to know more about this topic. For more information, please call Faye Hill at 625-1730.

SCHOOL OF PRAYER...Beginning Wednesday, **April 5** at 6:00 p.m., Rev. Rebecca Rutherford and her father, Rev. Dr. Jim White, will be co-teaching a course on prayer. This will be a seven week series covering why we pray, ways to pray, listening to God, and Scriptural study of prayer. Class size is limited. Please contact Rev. Rebecca at rebecca@spanishfortumc.org, or go to www.spanishfortumc.org to register.

EASTER CELEBRATION...Join us Sunday, **April 9**, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for games, food, and music behind the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers and sponsors are needed! Please contact Beth Allen at beth@spanishfortumc.org or 626-1334.

HOLY WEEK...Join us during Holy Week for special worship services. On Sunday, **April 9**, we will hold our Palm Sunday worship services. Children will gather in the Narthex before the services and process into the Sanctuary carrying palm branches. On Maundy Thursday, **April 13**, we will present the Living Last Supper Drama in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday, **April 14**, we will hold the Tenebrae worship service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, **April 16**, services will be 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. *Voices*, from the University of Mobile, will participate.