

*Welcome...*



*Worship. Study. Serve.*

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# 8th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 26, 2017 • 8:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Service

Welcome to Spanish Fort United Methodist Church!  
We pray that the Holy Spirit moves through you as it moves through this service of worship.

## Prelude

**“Fairest Lord Jesus” ~ Bish**  
*Wanda Cooper, Organ*

## Welcome

## \*Greeting

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

## \*Hymn

**“Standing on the Promises” ~ No. 374**

## Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

*Prayer for Stuart Woods*

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.

## Prayer Response

**“Sing to the Lord”**  
*Terry Raymond, Piano*

## \*Affirmation of Faith

**The Apostles’ Creed ~ No. 881**

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.

## \*Glory Be to the Father

**(Gloria Patri) ~ No. 70**

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.

## Children's Time

Following Children's Time, the children ages 3 years (by September 1, 2016) through 2nd grade will be dismissed to the lower level Fellowship Hall, next to the Sanctuary, in MC106. Parents may pick up their children, after the worship service, in MC106.

## Offertory Prayer

### Offertory

**"With a Voice of Singing" ~ Shaw**

*Sanctuary Choir*

### \*Dedication

**"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" ~ No. 95**

### \*Scripture

**Acts 2:41-47 ~ Pew Bible New Testament, Page 103**

## Message

**"Rule #3: Attending Upon All the Ordinances of God"**

*Rev. Bill Price*

### \*Hymn

**"Take Time to be Holy" ~ No. 395**

### \*Benediction

## Postlude

**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" ~ Dickens**

*Wanda Cooper, Organ*

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

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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 binder distributed by the ushers during the announcements. If you need assistance during the service, please let one of the ushers know.

### **Serving today in Traditional worship:**

Rev. Bill Price, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Rebecca Rutherford, Associate Minister  
Rev. Candler Cain, Congregational Care Pastor  
Jennifer Robertson, Children's Minister  
Josh Howard, Youth Minister  
Tripp Morris Music Director  
Wanda Cooper, Accompanist

**Congregation Notes:** Our condolences to Holmes and Connie Whiddon on the death of Holmes' brother, Dwight Whiddon, on February 19, 2017. He was from Chickasaw, Alabama.

### **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 Albert and Gail Thomas on the death of Albert's mother, Billye Thomas, on February 16, 2017. She resided in Texas.

# 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 3-4; Monday, Genesis 4-7; Tuesday, Joshua 6-10; Wednesday, Psalms 3-5; Thursday, Job 3-4; Friday, Isaiah 7-11; Saturday, Matthew 3-4.

## *This Week ...*

### SUNDAY, February 26

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)  
10:00 a.m. Make-up Ushers Meeting (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
No Remedy Youth

### MONDAY, February 27

Church Office Closed  
No On-Campus Activities

### TUESDAY, February 28

Church Office Closed  
No On-Campus Activities

### WEDNESDAY, March 1

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: Spaghetti (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m. Nursery Open, Ages 0-36 Months (Lower Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, March 2

1:00 p.m. Thirsty Thursday Bible Study (Parlor, Main Campus)  
4:30 p.m. Departure for Women's Emmaus Walk (West Campus)  
6:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. TLC *ChristCare* Group (Parlor, Main Campus)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5, Communion Served (See paragraph below)  
March 5, Confirmation Class  
March 6, Trustees Meeting  
March 7, Study Team Meeting  
March 9, Sara Sheppard Circle  
March 11, United Methodist Men's Breakfast  
March 12, Daylight Saving Time Begins  
March 12, Confirmation Rehearsal, Parents & Confirmands

### New Four Station Communion (Intinction style) Begins March 5

On Sunday, March 5, 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.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY...**Please join us Wednesday, **March 1**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday worship service. No other activities will take place.

**MISSION FUNDRAISERS...**Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner on Ash Wednesday, **March 1**, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off is **March 5**. Contact Joann Logan at 626-6618 to register your team! Spots are still available! The rest of us get to taste and vote for our favorite! Tickets are \$10 and available from mission team members or at the door on March 5.

**CONFIRMATION DATES...****March 1**-Confirmands will participate in the Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. to rehearse.

**March 5**-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](mailto:beth@spanishfortumc.org) with number attending.

**LENTEN STUDY...**Beginning **March 5**, 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 church office for \$10. If you would like to use the book for a study group, please contact Rev. Rebecca at [rebecca@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:rebecca@spanishfortumc.org), so she can assist you with the creation of a study guide in addition to the book.

**LUNCH BUNCH WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...**On **March 7**, a new study will begin. They 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](mailto: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." Dr. McCrummen had a Fellowship at the American University in Cairo for 3 years, and holds a PhD in Middle Eastern Studies. 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](mailto:rebecca@spanishfortumc.org).

**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](mailto:beth@spanishfortumc.org) or 626-1334.