

**March 2024****Third Presbyterian Church****A Note from the Pastor—March 2024**

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
 All who feel the tempter's power;  
 Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
 Watch with him one bitter hour;  
 Turn not from his griefs away;  
 Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.  
*Glory to God, Hymn 220*

We who live on this side of the resurrection cannot fully understand the fear and despair felt by the disciples as they witnessed the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus. Although their master had told them many times that he would be raised from the dead, there was nothing in their experience that gave them hope that his words would be true. They went into hiding, fearing for their lives. On the third day according to Luke, when the women who had seen the empty tomb shared the news with the gathered disciples “they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.” Luke 24: 11

Clearly, we cannot experience the same emotional journey as the disciples, but I believe that for us to truly celebrate Easter, we must vicariously experience the depths of despair that are offered to us during Holy Week. I invite you to journey with me as we “go to dark Gethsemane.” Here is the itinerary for our journey:

- March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday: We will begin our worship with the Triumphal Entry celebrating with the crowds as Jesus makes his way into Jerusalem. We will conclude the service with the Passion Reading from the Gospel of Mark.
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday: We will gather as did Jesus and the disciples to celebrate the last supper. We will sing Hymn 218 “Ah, Holy Jesus” as we contemplate our role in Christ’s crucifixion. We will darken the sanctuary and strip the table of all ornaments, linens and paraments. We will leave in silence.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday: Following a light supper we will join in a liturgy based on a compilation of the Gospel writers’ witness to the words Jesus spoke at the time of His crucifixion.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday: On this day take the opportunity to quietly meditate on the words of the Apostles’ Creed: “(He) suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.”

If you choose to participate in this journey, you will truly feel the joy of Easter. We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and loudly proclaim: “He is risen; he is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

Grace and Peace,  
 Don+

## **Join Us For Worship Every Sunday In-Person and Live Stream at 11 AM**

Below is the Zoom link where you will be able to see those leading worship and along with parts of our liturgy. Below is the most updated link, phone number and password.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/605837516?pwd=V0R5VmNCQ2Mraml1TFdOVXpGMEpiQT09>

If you do not have computer access, you can call in with your home or cell phone using Zoom's dial in option.

Meeting ID: 605 837 516

Password: 23518

Phone: 312-626-6799

## **Communion for Homebound**

Rev. Martin and an elder will be bringing communion to any homebound person that would like to receive it. This will be done once a quarter on Monday following the first Sunday. The months this will be done are April, July and October. If you would like to receive communion at home, please contact the church office at 757-587-7576 or Rev. Martin at 757-754-9232 so that a time can be scheduled with you.

## **Lenten Bible Study**

Please come and join us for our Lenten Bible Study on Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We will use a study written by Cynthia Campbell and Christina Fohr titled "Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study". Please read the first chapter before you come to the Bible study and be ready for discussion. Books are on the table in the narthex if you have not picked one up yet - one per family, please.

## **NEST @ Royster Presbyterian Church**

Royster is hosting NEST the week of March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be assisting one evening that week with providing and serving dinner. Please listen and look for more announcements and information so you can participate in this exciting service opportunity.

## **Looking Ahead to Holy Week**

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 24th 11:00 AM

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM

### **Good Friday**

Friday, March 29th

Light Dinner at 6:00 PM, Service at 7:00 PM

We will be hosting a light dinner at 6:00 PM prior to the Good Friday service. Our friends from Royster, First United and Calvin will be joining us for dinner and the service. We need your help in providing finger sandwiches. Any type and variety will do. Please consider making a plate of sandwiches for this meal. Soup will also be served with the meal and is taken care of. If you have any questions, please see Amy Griffin.

## **Easter**

Sunday, March 31st 11:00 AM

Fellowship time after the service.

### Most Asked For Addresses

Peggy Russell  
Aspire at West End  
5020 Sulky Drive, # 415  
Henrico, VA 23228  
Phone: 757-387-9301

Patricia Basnight  
Lake Taylor Hospital  
1309 Kempsville Road  
Room 29A  
Norfolk, VA 23502

Lexi White & Marc Cahill  
89 Winchester Dr.  
South Kingstown, RI  
02879

Judy & Tim Cook  
5079 Easy Street  
Mobile, Alabama  
36619-1763

Brandon & Laura Griffin  
7521 Ripplepointe Way  
Windermere, FL 34786

Carter Griffin  
Pearson Hall West  
Room 151  
310 Alumni Mall  
Blacksburg, VA 24061



March 4—Larry McKinney

March 12—Heather Sipe

March 12—Susan Mayo

March 19—Abigail Smith

March 23—Alex Renard

March 31—Malinda Hanna-Davis

### Don Martin's Contact Information

[pastordonatthird@gmail.com](mailto:pastordonatthird@gmail.com)

757-754-9232

### BIG CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

**Saturday,**

**March 9, 2024**

**At**

**10am**

### Prayer List

Please remember the following people and families in your prayers, that they might be lifted up through your conversations with God:

Claudia Cary

Peggy Russell

Jennifer Russell

Jessica and Ray Fitzgerald

Ginny Davis

Steve & Claudia Glover

Carol Maxwell's Mom

Larry McKinney

Patricia Basnight

Darlene Pick

Holly Gaff

Nancy & Steve Babor

Toy Hefner

Bessie Williams and Family

Noah Lucas

The Family of Ruth Bray

Di Ricks

Our Pastor - Don

Our Church

The Session

Our Community

### Offerings

February 4—\$1,395.00

February 11—\$790.00

February 18—\$1,220.00

February 25—\$655.00

**Office Hours** -Monday - Friday from 9am - 1pm.  
Please feel free to call 757-587-7576 or send an email ([thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com](mailto:thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com)), if you need any assistance. Thank you!

### Shepherd's List 2024



**Amy Griffin**

**757-618-3006**

Claudia Cary

\*Dee Glover

\*Steven and Claudia Glover

Ginny Davis

Jessica Fitzgerald & Family

Nancy and Vernon Barham

Dorothy Grandstaff

Marguerite Duke

Peggy Russell

Teri Howard

**Teri Howard**

**757-274-3311**

Don Martin and Tony Crudup

Darlene Pick

Debbie and Ray Platte

Amy and Dennis Griffin

Ginny Keisel

Di Ricks

Sybil Crooks

Cheryl and Fred Holtz

Joseph Bray

**\*Anne Basnight**

**Tom Maxwell**

**757-531-9851**

\*\*Brittany French

Dave and Jenni Joyce

Holly Gaff and CJ Jones

T.J. and Larry McKinney

Lexi White and Marc Cahill

Deb King

Mike Gallond

Stacy Apelt and Judy Floyd Apelt

The Rapacon Family - Amanda,  
Manny, Christian, Samantha, Rachel,  
and Peter

**Stacy Apelt**

**757-583-5872**

Nancy Babor

Jim Rudiger

Carol and Tom Maxwell

Mary Ann Shepard

Kayla and Bryson Shepard

Margaret Chewning & Dan Cudney

Artie and Milinda Derrenbacker

\*no email-please call

\*\*Text

**Red+Shut-in**



### Calvin Presbyterian Church

2901 E Little Creek Rd, Norfolk, VA  
23518

(757) 587-1591

#### • **Food Pantry Hours**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• Third Saturdays of the month  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**The food pantry serves Norfolk  
zip codes 23518 and 23503.  
Those in need of assistance  
may obtain a referral from any of  
the participating churches.**

#### **Pantry Wish List:**

- 25 oz Apple Sauce
- 16 oz Baked Beans
- 24 oz Beef Stew
- 15 oz Peas
- 15 oz Green Beans
- 1 lb 13 oz Canned Fruit
- 32 oz Jelly
- 18 oz Peanut Butter
- 32 oz Pancake Mix
- 24 oz Syrup
- 1 lb Rice
- 8.25 oz Tuna Helper
- 6 oz Tuna
- 15 oz Spaghetti O's
- 15 oz Thick Soup
- 64 oz Juice
- 12 oz Luncheon Meat
- 7.25 oz Macaroni & Cheese
- 13.75 oz Mashed Potatoes
- 13.7 oz Oatmeal Individual Packs
- 16 oz Spaghetti Noodles
- 26.5 oz Spaghetti Sauce
- Dry Milk, Individual Packs

*Please, no baby food, coffee, tea, sugar, pickles, olives, condiments, tomatoes, cranberries, canned milk, crackers or mushrooms.*



# March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6:30pm Square DANCE GROUP
3 Communion 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	4	5 <b>VOTING</b> 6pm Bible Study	6 6:30pm—Choir Prac- tice 7pm AA Meeting	7 7-9:30pm—Square Dance	8	9 10am—Big Clothing Giveaway
10 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	11	12 Noon— PW MTG. 6pm Bible Study 6:30-10pm Dance Group-C. Crofford- FH	13 6:30pm— Choir Prac- tice 7pm AA Meeting	14 7pm Civic League Meeting	15	16 7pm Square Dancing—Free to the Public
17 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	18	19 6pm Bible Study 6:30-10pm Dance Group-C. Crofford- FH	20 6:30pm— Choir Prac- tice 7pm AA Meeting	21 6pm Session 7-9:30pm—Square Dance	22	23
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	25	26 6pm Bible Study 6:30-10pm Dance Group-C. Crofford- FH	27 6:30pm— Choir Prac- tice 7pm AA Meeting	28 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7pm Service	29 <b>Good Friday</b> 6pm Dinner 7pm Service	30
31 <b>EASTER</b> 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship Fellowship						



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Norfolk, V23518

**CHURCH STAFF**

Don Martin, Covenant Pastor  
Debbie Platte, Secretary  
Lexi White, IT Facilitator  
Joseph C. Bray, III, Organist/ Choir Director  
Clara Barnes, Sexton  
Teri Howard, Clerk of Session  
Holly Gaff, Treasurer  
Teri Howard, Financial Secretary

**Presbyterian Women**

**Presbyterian Men**

Tom Maxwell, President  
Fred Holtz, Vice-president

**Memorial Committee**

**SESSION**

**Building & Grounds**

Stacy Apelt

**Stewardship**

Teri Howard

**Witness & Outreach**

Tom Maxwell

**Worship**

Amy Griffin

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Margaret Chewning