**March 16, 2025**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

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**Crescentville United Methodist Church**

**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Prelude**

**Preparing for Worship “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” – please join in singing**

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Please stand*

**Chorus of Welcome**                              *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

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**\*Call to Worship** *Psalm 27*

 L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one.

 **P: The Lord protects me from all danger; I will never be afraid.**

 L: When evil people attack me and try to kill me, they stumble and fall.
 **P: Even if a whole army surrounds me, I will not be afraid;**

 **even if enemies attack me, I will still trust God.**

 L: I have asked the Lord for one thing; one thing only do I want:

 **P: to live in the Lord's house all my life, to marvel there at his goodness,**

 **and to ask for his guidance.**

**\*Hymn of Repentance**  *“Come, Ye Disconsolate”* [vs 1,2] # 510

 Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
 Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
 Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."

*Please Be Seated*

**Prayer of Confession** *(seated and bowed)*

 **O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray**

 **from Your ways, and bring the again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace**

 **and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son;**

 **who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer and Meditation…………………….Words of Forgiveness*

**\*Hymn of Grace** *“Standing on the Promises”* [VS. 1-2, 4] # 374

 Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
 glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain:* Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
 standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
 by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

 Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
 resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

**Youth Message**

**Joys & Concerns……………*Gathered Prayer***

***Singing of THE LORD'S PRAYER–***

*Our Father, which 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.*

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** *“Irish Blessing”          Please join in singing!*

*Please stand*

**\*The Doxology** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* [TUNE: HAMBURG]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above,

ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Offertory Prayer**

Dismissal of the Youth

**\*Hymn** *“Take Up Thy Cross”* # 415

 "Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be;
 deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

 Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
 his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

 Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
 thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

 Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
 for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

*Please be seated*

**Gospel Lesson** St. Luke 13:31-35 (Common English Bible)

 At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, “Go! Get away from here,

 because Herod wants to kill you.” **32**Jesus said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Look, I’m throwing out

 demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work.

**33**However, it’s necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it’s impossible

 for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’

**34**“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you!

 ***How often*** I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

 But you didn’t want that. **35**Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won’t see me

 until the time comes when you say, *Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord’s name.”*

**Sermon** *“How Often…”*

*Please stand*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The 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.

**\*Hymn** *“Depth of Mercy”* [VS. 1-3, 5]# 355

 Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
 Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?

 I have long withstood his grace, long provoked him to his face,
 would not hearken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls.

 I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified,
 oft profaned his hallowed name, put him to an open shame.

 Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,
 now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

**Benediction**

*Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer*

**\*Choral Benediction** *“Depth of Mercy”* [VS. 4] # 355

There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands.
God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.

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**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

Have you ever wanted to encourage someone when they are hurting or discouraged? The Bible is powerful enough to revive the soul!

**March 23, 2025 - Third Sunday in Lent**

Luke 13:1-9 - Isaiah 55:1-9 - Psalm 63:1-8 - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13



**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call or text Sue Creevey 267-847-6029***

When we pray for others, we are doing what Jesus did. The Bible tells us of the many, many times Jesus prayed for others and told us to do the same.

**Prayer Requests March 9, 2025**

***PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR PRAYER REQUEST WAS NOT ENTERED ON A PRAYER CARD, IT IS NOT LISTED HERE.***

Joy in knowing the power of prayer!

Prayers for Miles who is being treated for cancer in his jaw .

Prayers for Jennifer and Michelle

Luoli Kulah - prayers for recovery from knee replacement surgery

Prayers for Sonja and her co-workers as they have been overwhelmed as the care for many patients suffering from the flu and other respiratory illnesses.

Prayers for Dave Wilson and all employees of Crozer-Chester hospital as they may be closing the hospital.

Prayers for the Bernard family and Haiti

Sue Creevey thanks all for prayers and asks for continued prayer as recovery has been tough.

Continuing Prayers for:

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Cass Quigley Sheryl Duke Bresnan Family

David & Esther Clinton Betty Brzoza Victoria Somers Meghann Riley

Prayers for the Bishop and Cabinet as the decide who will be our next Pastor.

For families, especially:

Betty Sauerwald & family Zilpha and James Browne

The Stefanescu, Mc Manus, Salvadore, and Didirea Families

Jean Bernard and family The Spotts Family

For an end to violence, for peace and stability

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!

Hello everyone,

There is a summer internship opportunity for Naiima Jabati that I would like us to support.

Mosaic Ministeries which is a part of the United Methodist Church is opting to part sponsor half of the required $2,500 cost if Crescentville pays the other half.

Pastor Randy and Sue Snyder have consented to be her mentor, and I am kindly asking for your approval. The deadline for registration is 03/10/25.

I have attached a link about the internship and feel free to contact Sue Snyder for more information.

<https://www.epaumc.org/mosaic/cultivate/>

Thanks for all that you do for our church.

Edward Paye

Calendar of Events

 **LENTEN WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS**

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**Wednesday’s during the Lenten season**

 **March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9.**

 **Noon – in church hall.**

**Pastor Randy will provide his homemade soup!**

 **Beverages and dessert will be provided.**

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 **Women’s Fellowship Gatherings**

 **FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST AT NOON**

Crescentville United Methodist Church

Presents ***“Hats Off To Spring”***

**A fashion show fundraiser**

**Sunday, April 27th**

**1:00 – 3:00 PM      Admission $ 10.00**

400 Sentner Street (Hasbrook & Sentner Streets)

Philadelphia, PA 19120

***All are welcome to attend.***

A 50’s and 60’s fashion show and program with a

display of hats, including African head wraps,

Late 1800’s to current day.





**Refreshments will be served after the show.**

(This fashion show is in lieu of our traditional Women's Fellowship Tea)

To purchase tickets, please contact Sue Snyder 215-771-4442

Crescentville UMC article on the Eastern PA Web Page



<https://www.epaumc.org/east-district/nurturing-a-new-generation-of-disciples-one-event-at-a-time/>

Thank you Sue Snyder for your diligent work to have this article posted!

This article can also be viewed on our web page

<https://www.crescentvilleumc.com/>