**March 23, 2025**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**



**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 63*

 L: O God, you are my God, and I long for you.
 **P: My whole being desires you;**

 **like a dry, worn-out, and waterless land, my soul is thirsty for you.**

 L: Let me see you in the sanctuary; let me see how mighty and glorious you are.
 **P: Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you.** L: I will give you thanks as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer.
 **P: My soul will feast and be satisfied, and I will sing glad songs of praise to you.**

 L: As I lie in bed, I remember you; all night long I think of you,
 **P: because you have always been my help. In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

**\*Hymn of Repentance** *“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”* [VS. 1,4] # 340

 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
 Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

*Refrain:* I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
 in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

 Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
 all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*

*Please Be Seated*

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

 **O God, Your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray**

 **from Your ways, and bring us 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** *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* [VS. 1,4] # 295

 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
 all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
 peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

**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** *“Change My Heart Oh God”          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** *“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”* # 339

 Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus' guest.
 Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

 Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all.
 Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

 Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed, ye restless wanderers after rest;
 ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind, in Christ a hearty welcome find.

 My message as from God receive; ye all may come to Christ and live.
 O let his love your hearts constrain, nor suffer him to die in vain.

 This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord's accepted day.
 Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.

*Please be seated*

**Gospel Lesson** St. Luke 13:1-9 (Common English Bible)

 Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed

 while they were offering sacrifices. **2**He replied, “Do you think the suffering of these Galileans

 proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? **3**No, I tell you, but unless

 you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. **4**What about those eighteen people

 who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty

 of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? **5**No, I tell you, but unless you change

 your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did.”

 **6**Jesus told this parable: “A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit

 on it and found none. **7**He said to his gardener, ‘Look, I’ve come looking for fruit on this fig tree

 for the past three years, and I’ve never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting

 the soil’s nutrients?’ **8**The gardener responded, ‘Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it

 and give it fertilizer. **9**Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.’”

**Sermon** *“Covering Your Bases”*

*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** *“A Charge to Keep I Have”* [VS. 1, 3-4]# 413

 A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
 a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

 Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live,
 and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

 Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely,
 assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

**Benediction**

*Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer*

**\*Choral Benediction** *“A Charge to Keep I Have”* [VS. 2] # 413

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

The Bible shows us how to measure “success” — it’s not fame and riches, like the world tells us — and to clearly see what matters. When we build our lives solidly on Jesus, the world can’t manipulate us with its shifting views of “truth.” The Bible is still applicable to our modern lives because God’s nature and standards do not change. The ten commandments are as relevant now as they were two thousand plus years ago. Treating others with kindness is still in fashion with God, and always will be. His greatest commandment? Love God and love others.

**March 30 2025 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 - Joshua 5:9-12 - Psalm 32 - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21



**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.***

Does God need us to pray to work in other people’s lives? Of course not. But God wants us to pray. Prayer brings us closer to God, it strengthens our relationship with Him.

**Prayer Requests March 16, 2025**

***PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR PRAYER REQUEST WAS NOT ENTERED ON A PRAYER CARD,***

***IT IS NOT LISTED HERE.***

Luoli Kulah had sucessful knee replacement surgery, prayers for a good recovery.

Patricia Crowley fell and broke femur and fractured her clavical. Prayers for healing.

Prayers for Katie & Family.

Prayers for Felicia who has been hospitalized.

Prayers for Donna Clipper as she has serious hand surgery on March 18th.

Vanessa McKenzie - prayers for healing.

Prayers for Ron & Ina Smith. Ina had successful colonoscopy - blockage removed, not cancerous. Ron has a good visit with his cardiologist.

Continuous prayers for Jennifer as she undergoes treatment for aggressive brain cancer.

Prayers for Sheryl Duke sho lives in Texas.

Prayers for the Bernard family and Haiti

Prayers that Maurice Sutton Jr who needs car repair.

Additional prayers for Meghann (on our continuous prayer list). She went to the ER on Friday because her leg looked infected.They have moved her to ICU because her blood pressure is too low, even though they said there was nothing to worry about.

Prayers for G - he had a stroke and is on life support. They said yesterday there was no brain activity, but he's having seizures and they hope that once they reduce his medicine maybe there will be something. His girlfriend's name is Franca

**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.**

**Video will be ready for viewing soon after.**

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 **Sunday March 30, 2025 Worship 10:30 AM**

**Please support our youth as they lead us in worship!**

 Youth will then have lunch and a trip to Sky Zone.

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