

**SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY**

**Luke 23:44-49 NIV**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

**STEWARDSHIP –MARCH 11, 2018**

**GIVING**

**Budget**

Weekly Need \$ 7,204.86  
Given \$ 6,963.00  
Behind \$ 3,086.49

**ATTENDANCE**

CenTered 51  
Traditional Worship 215  
Total Worship 266  
Sunday School 160

**Other Funds**

Mission Team Fund \$ 100.00

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# Center United Methodist Church

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# Center United Methodist Church

Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greetings and Announcements  
Prelude

Deron Burgess  
Bethany Burgess

Lighting of the Christ Candles  
Presentation of God's Holy Word  
Entering of the Cross of Christ

Gracin Hill  
Aubrey Adkins  
Tyler Black

\*Greeting with the Love of Christ

The People

Greet those sitting nearest to you in Love – especially those you do not know!

\*Hymn No. 380

*“There's Within My Heart a Melody”*

Marie Denig

Bring Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center Offering to the Altar

**Acknowledging Attendance: Pew Pads and First Time Attendants**

Baptismal Covenant Page 39

*Leland Ford Hobbs*  
*“God Claims You”*

Rev. Mitch Wilson

Voices of the Children  
Children's Time

*“I Am A Promise”* Soloist, Lilly Leonard-Children's Choir  
Anna Shillinglaw

Following Children's Time, children K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children's Church

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*“Gather at the Mercy Tree”*

Chancel Choir

\*Hymn No. 393

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

Marie Denig

Reading of the Word

*Luke 23:44-49 NIV*

Rev. Mitch Wilson

Preaching of the Word

*“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”*

Rev. Mitch Wilson

\*Hymn of Dedication No. 413

*“A Charge to Keep I Have”*

Marie Denig

The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

\*Christ's Light and Cross into the World

Gracin Hill and Tyler Black

\*Dismissal with Blessing

Rev. Mitch Wilson

\*Postlude

Bethany Burgess

\*Congregation Stands

## WELCOME

We welcome you to our church! If you are a guest, we are especially glad you are here and ask that you give your name, address, and phone number by filling out a Visitor's Card found on the back of each pew and placing it in the offering plate as it is passed. If you do not have a church home, we cordially invite you to share in the life of this congregation.

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

### GREETERS

Today – Butch and Marlene Wood  
Alan and Tammy Broadway  
Next Sunday – Van and Rita Wood  
Dean and Martha Slabach

### ACOLYTE

Today – Gracin Hill  
Next Sunday – Lynlee Brinkley

### BIBLE BEARER

Today – Aubrey Adkins  
Next Sunday – Sadie Reid

### CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Tyler Black  
Next Sunday – Ethan Snyder

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Anna Shillinglaw  
Next Sunday – Dawn Essick

### DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Mary Sue Martin & Marlene Wood  
Next Sunday – Charles and Shirley Richardson

### SAFE SANCTUARY

Children remain in the Sanctuary during Worship or with our trained teachers in Children's Church. Children are not permitted to sit in empty classrooms or roam the hall without adult supervision.

### MISSION OFFERINGS

First Sunday - **Community Mission Offering**  
Second Sunday - **Macaroni & Cheese and Sugar Offering**  
Third & Fourth Sundays - **Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center**  
Fifth Sunday – **Crisis Ministry Cash Offering**  
*Audio CDs of the worship service are available at the mailboxes in the hallway.*

### USHERS

Today – Rod Loflin (Head)  
Tim Craver, Ronnie Dorton,  
Curtis Dorwart, Willie Everhart  
Next Sunday – Rod Loflin (Head)  
Jamie Fountain, Rocky Hedrick,  
Donald Hamilton, Tommy Henderson

### INFANT NURSERY

Today – Heather Noel  
Next Sunday – Brittany Hobbs

### TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Dawn Essick  
Next Sunday – Debbie Wood

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Sarah Williams  
Next Sunday – Ruby Combs

### EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Dawn Essick  
Next Sunday – Danielle Herron

# Joys and Concerns for March 18

## RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- We were honored to have Rev. Vincent Howell as our guest speaker last Sunday night. Rev. Howell challenged us to think about our personal relationships. Special music was provided by our Center Praise Ensemble. We were especially blessed to hear Josh Garner, a young member of Centenary UMC sing “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” to close our outstanding service. A huge thank you to members of the Cenergy, Christians Under Construction, and Friendship Sunday School Classes for the delicious refreshments.

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are placed in the church today to the Glory of God and in celebration of the Holy Baptism of Leland Ford Hobbs.

## SYMPATHIES:

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jackie and Craig Thrift in the death of their father, Jack Thrift, Sr. He passed away March 8 at Hospice in Winston-Salem. Please remember Jackie, Sherry, and Craig, along with all their family, during this time.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Stacie Michael in the passing of her mother, Nancy Donley, on March 14. Please remember Stacie, Chris and their family during this time.

## TRUSTEE MEETING

The trustees will meet Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## THREADS OF LOVE MEETING

Threads of love will meet on Tuesday, March 27, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue working on the adult bibs and toboggans. Our next project is making fidget lap quilts for Alzheimer’s patients. Come join us!

## Prayer Concerns and Updates

- Dan and Shannon Maloy – Prayer for recruiting efforts to upcoming conferences and mission trips that will help the students grow in their faith and ministry skills
- Josh and Kristie Aberle – Prayer for those in their village as they learn what it means to follow Jesus
- June Smith – Patient at Forsyth with nosebleed issues
- Todd Fulcher – Recovering from hernia surgery
- Marlene Wood – Recovering from anemia and afib
- Grady Lynn Brinkley – Came home last week
- Dot Craver – Continuing to recover at home from breathing complications
- Brenda Leonard – Moved to Abbotts Creek for Rehab
- Cookie Pratz (Deena Tolley’s Grandmother) Recovering from pneumonia and flu type A
- Katy Culler – Continued prayers for severe blockage of carotid arteries and surgery not an option
- Rocky Hedrick – Recovering from brain tumor surgery
- Pat Simmons – High blood pressure and shoulder pain
- Bob and Crissy Wagner – Home health care needs
- Chris Briggs (Wayne Briggs’s Brother) - Cancer has returned
- Laura Cecil Laws (Gina Wimmer Cecil’s Daughter and Bob Wimmer’s Granddaughter) – Recovering at mother’s home (Gina)
- Diane Whitley – (Don’s wife) Please remember her and Don in prayer as she struggles with ongoing health issues
- Bill and Pansy Trantham (Per Barbara Kesler) – Health concerns and aging
- Hoy Lanning (Jamy Duncan’s Father) – Ongoing health concerns
- Elinor Jones (Patti Miller’s Mother) – Receiving Hospice Care
- Bryan Martin (Donna Muraco’s Son-in-Law) – Dialysis and waiting on kidney transplant
- Mark Connell (Faye Sambleson’s Brother) – Still undergoing chemo
- Paul Stevens (Steve and Molly Long’s Friend) – Return of cancer and undergoing chemo

## SHUT-INS AT HOME

- Ann Clodfelter
- Dot Craver
- Mozelle Koontz, c/o Sheila Beck, 2320 Arnold Rd, Lexington, NC 27295
- Bill & Sherry Lanier
- Betty Laws
- Bruce and Betty Regan
- Treavie Weaver

## REST HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

- Marian Funderburk – Arbor Acres
- Don Grubb – Grayson Creek, Room 203
- Joy Jones - Elkin Assisted Living, Room 121
- Tony Koontz – Spring Arbor, Room 204
- June Smith – Piedmont Crossing Retirement Community, 100 Hedrick Drive, Willow Way-Room 330, Thomasville 27360

## IN THE MILITARY

- Aaron Kopley
- Aaron Lineberry

*NOTE: Please fill out a “Prayer Request” card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or into the pastor’s hand.*

## DAILY UPDATES

Please check e-news for updates on joys, concerns, and announcements. If you do not receive daily e-news, contact Henrietta Hayes to be added at [hhayes.enevs@gmail.com](mailto:hhayes.enevs@gmail.com) or [cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com](mailto:cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 AM

All events are listed on the calendar. Formal announcements must be given to the church office. Ongoing events will be listed as scheduled unless changes are given to the church office.

**THIS WEEK AT CENTER**

**Sunday (March 18)**

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM New Member's Class (Room 3)  
11:00 AM Worship Service-Leland Hobbs Baptism  
3-5:00 PM JOY Kids (CFC)  
3-5:00 PM JAM Kids (Basement)  
5:00 PM Confirmation Class (FH)  
6:00 PM Lenten Service (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)  
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

**Monday (March 19)- Newsletter Deadline**

2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC-Kitchen)  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**Tuesday (March 20)**

12-9:00 PM Welcome Civitan Dinner for Teachers (CFC)  
4-9:00 PM Food Prep for Poor Man's Supper (FH)

**Wednesday (March 21)**

5:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM Children's Committee Meeting (FH)  
6:30 PM Youth (MoJoe Coffee House)  
6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday (March 22)**

6:15 PM American Heritage Girls (Basement)

**Friday (March 23)**

All Day Set Up for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny CFC)

**Saturday (March 24)**

8:00 AM – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny(CFC)

**Next Sunday (March 25) – Palm Sunday**

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC) – Easter Cantata  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service – Easter Cantata  
5:00 PM Confirmation Class (Room 3)  
6:00 PM Lenten Service (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)  
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

**Lenten Service Today**

**Rev. Danny Miller, Pastor of Bethesda UMC preaching**  
**Special Music: Arcadia UMC**  
**Refreshments: The Goodwill Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall immediately following close of service.**

**HOLY INFANT BAPTISM TODAY**

*Today we celebrate the Holy Infant Baptism of Leland Ford Hobbs, son of Dustin and Brittany and brother, Ervin Scott. Leland's grandparents are Kerry and Margaret Hobbs and Steve and Molly Long. Elizabeth Long is Leland's great, great grandmother. The Chancel Choir will sing "God Claims you" to Leland.*

**Hip-pity Hop-pity Easter's On its Way..... Easter is right around the corner and we will be getting a visit from The Easter Bunny on March 24th. The Children's Committee is asking for some help. We are in need of individually wrapped candy that can fit in Easter eggs and small prizes for games. We will have a tote in the toddler nursery as well as the CFC entry for donations. We really appreciate your help! Thank you.**

**UMW NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

UMW are honored to present this year's high school graduates on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 11am service. In an effort to ensure we have not missed anyone please take a look at this list and if you see any corrections or needed additions please let Debbie Williams know. Thank you.

Tate Leonard	Kat Fountain	Kyle Brinkley
Brianna Shillinglaw	Kaley Davis	Hannah Arledge
Nick Tiller	Gracie Leatherman	Olivia Beeker
Satchel Hester	Katy Allen	Eric McCrary
Christian Weavil	Carson Simpson	

**HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The American Heritage Girls, the Scouts, and the Youth are teaming up for a great cause! This year, for Operation Christmas Child, the three groups are asking for your help. Each month we are asking for donations of certain items to help fill the boxes. For the month of March we are asking for hygiene items for boys or girls of any age.(Examples: toothbrushes, bandages, chapstick, combs, brushes, bars of soap, q-tips, wash cloths, etc.) These must be new items and please make sure the items are small enough to fit into a shoe box. Unfortunately, OCC cannot accept any liquids or toothpaste. We will have a bin at the narthex in the CFC as well as the sanctuary. Thank you for your support and please contact Angie Leonard or Hunter Duncan with any questions.

**CENTER WEBSITE UPDATE!**

**We are excited to announce that our church website, [www.centermethodistwelcome.org](http://www.centermethodistwelcome.org) has a new look and feel! The website has been updated to better accommodate web browsers, tablets and smart phones. But, more importantly, the website content has been greatly improved. Here is a list of the major features:**

- 1. New drop down menu options at the top of the website screen.**
- 2. Home Page now has a current upcoming list of church events and testimonials from some of our church members.**
- 3. About Us menu option has links to our Church history, Worship services, Staff, Facilities, PDF copies of current newsletters, current Sermons Series, and Audio of past church services.**
- 4. The Facilities page also has an up-to-date calendar of events/reservations of the CFC and Fellowship Hall. Reservations will still need to be made through our secretary, Joyce Rector, however you can now view availability of these spaces to aid in determining what dates are available.**
- 5. Get Involved menu option has links to First Time Here visitors, Way to Serve, Missions, Church Groups, Sunday School Classes pages.**
- 6. Ministries menu option has links to Children, Youth, Adults, Music, Sunday school, Scouting pages.**
- 7. Events menu option has links to Current Events, Gallery of Pictures, Pickin' and Grinnin' info and YouTube videos of previous P&G events.**  
**Throughout the web pages there are links to contact/email the appropriate church member over that function to get answers to questions. We encourage you to visit the website and click on all the options to see information that you may not even be aware of. When on a page, clicking on the various headings will take you to even more content.**  
**We also encourage you to share this link with your friends and neighbors that are seeking a church home for Christian worship, fellowship and service. There is so much going on at Center!**  
**Also, please keep the website in mind whenever you have a new event or service project that needs to be communicated. Send any updates to Joyce also.**

**Special thanks to Drew Long for sharing his web design talents and Craig Thrift for making this upgrade possible. We appreciate all the members that helped guide us on making this website more vital!**