

Church of the Resurrection From the Rafters

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A message from your Vestry member, Kelly Wiseman:

Oysters and Pancakes and 40 Days, Oh My!

I wish I could say Epiphany and Lent this year arrived as a profound spiritual realization—but, honestly, they got my attention while juggling the calendar and planning our oyster roast. Apparently, sometimes spirituality shows up wearing a to-do list, sneaking in through schedules and small adjustments before the more reflective moments arrive.

Valentine's Day made the usual timing tricky, so we moved the oyster roast up to February 7th. That small shift had an unexpected effect: Lent suddenly felt closer, even though the dates themselves hadn't changed. It was a reminder that the rhythms of the church calendar often reach us through ordinary planning and logistics, not just through prayer books and quiet moments.

I offered to write this article even though I'm not super knowledgeable about Epiphany or Lent, and I don't see myself as a particularly polished writer. That discomfort alone felt like preparation for the season ahead. What I learned in preparing to write this is that Epiphany is about noticing. The Magi noticed the star, followed it without a detailed plan, encountered Christ, and then returned home by another way—changed by what they had experienced. That idea of “another way” feels important. Epiphany reminds us that paying attention can quietly redirect our lives.

Earlier this month, I had a noticing moment while observing the monks on their peace walk. There was nothing flashy—just steady movement and quiet commitment. Watching them slowed my always-on brain enough to breathe and notice what was around me. It struck me that peace often begins internally, through attention and compassion, and then works its way outward through small, kind actions. That feels deeply connected to Lent—a season that invites us to slow down, reflect, and live with more intention.

Lent's forty days are long enough to matter and long enough to be uncomfortable. As I did a bit of research, I was struck by how often the number 40 appears in the Bible as a time of preparation and transformation: the Israelites wandering in the wilderness, Moses on Mount Sinai, Jesus in the desert. Discomfort seems to be part of the design. That feels especially relevant this year as we, as a church, begin the process of searching for our new rector. This season invites patience, trust, and reflection as we consider who we are and where God may be leading us next.

Before Lent officially begins, we'll gather for our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, complete with bingo and prizes—a joyful pause before the season starts, and perhaps one last indulgence for those giving up sweets or carbs for Lent. We've been collecting Lenten discipline ideas to help people prepare and to offer inspiration for anyone still deciding what practice to take on. Please keep sharing your ideas on the index cards on the cabinet in the gathering space. Some already submitted disciplines are listed in this newsletter and all shared ideas will be displayed at the pancake supper - a reminder that we walk these forty days together.

Our Lenten series, *The Passion: Five Interpretations*, will be led by Dr. James Romaine, Professor of Art History at Lander University. Each week will explore a single work of art, tracing Christ's journey from the Last Supper to the Resurrection through Scripture, artistic interpretation, and historical context. It's an invitation to slow down and look closely.

You'll find more details later in the Rafters about the oyster roast, the pancake supper, and the Lenten series.

Lent doesn't always begin with a dramatic spiritual moment. Sometimes it starts with a calendar adjustment, a gathering, or a quiet pause—and then you notice: forty days lie ahead, inviting us to walk them together with intention, openness, and grace.

- Kelly Wiseman



The Passion:

Five Interpretations: A Lenten Art
History Lecture Series
with Dr. James Romaine, Professor of Art
History at Lander University

LECTURE + DINNER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

6PM-7PM

DINNER IS

\$5 PER PERSON; \$15 PER FAMILY

FEBRUARY 25

ANDY WARHOL-CAMOUFLAGE LAST SUPPER

MARCH 4

REMBRANDT VAN RIJN-THE DENIAL OF PETER

MARCH 11

PETER PAUL RUBENS-RAISING OF THE CROSS

MARCH 18

VINCENT VAN GOGH-PIETA

MARCH 25

HENRY OSSAWA TANNER-THE TWO DISCIPLES
AT THE TOMB

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS FOR CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER



BABY BOTTLES ARE
NOW AVAILABLE IN
THE GATHERING
SPACE. FILL THEM
WITH SPARE CHANGE
AND RETURN TO THE
CHURCH BY
FEBRUARY 28TH.



Save the Date

Pancake Supper &

Mimosa Bar

+ bingo and prizes!



Tuesday, February 17th 6pm



ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & CHILI SHOW OFF

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
6PM-8PM

COURTYARD AT RESURRECTION

Tickets are \$45 each (or 2 for \$85)
Tickets can be purchased after the
8:30am & 10:30am services
on 1/25 & 2/1

Silent auction, food and fun!

TEXT OR EMAIL KELLY WISEMAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE THE BEST CHILI
IN THE CHILI SHOW OFF

(CHILI, SOUP OR STEW-MUST BE HEARTY!)

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Sunday Schedule FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1- MIKE FLANAGAN

FEBRUARY 8-BISHOP DANIEL RICHARDS &
REV. JANE ROGERS WILSON (CHAPLAIN)

FEBRUARY 15-CHRIS CRAIG-JONES

FEBRUARY 18 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE-
MIKE FLANAGAN

FEBRUARY 22-CHRIS CRAIG-JONES



The King's Kids A Royal Celebration

Saturday, February 21st from 2:00 - 4:00
at First Presbyterian Church.

Dress up as royalty!

Come ready for games, crafts, a bouncy castle,
light refreshments and fun, all in celebration
that you are a part of God's family.

Hosted by the FPC and ECOR Youth Group!

RSVP by paying \$15 per ticket on Realm
or to the Church office by Monday, February 9th.



All proceeds will go towards youth
mission trips and activities.



February

YOUTH EVENTS

2/1/26 SNY
AT 607 GATEWOOD DR.
5PM-6:30PM

2/8/26 NO SNY

2/15/26 POTTERY PAINTING
AT LA MESA BOUTIQUE (336 MAIN ST.)
5PM-6PM
COST IS \$15
PLEASE RSVP TO MS. JADE AT
YOUTH@FIRSTGREENWOOD.COM BY 2/11

2/22/26 THE KING'S KIDS: A ROYAL
CELEBRATION
AT FIRST PRES
2PM-4PM

SAVE *the* DATE

PRIME TIMERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

LUNCH AT 11:30AM AND SPEAKER AT 12PM

FEATURING STEVE COLEMAN

FROM PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE,
DIRECTOR OF MODELS ACADEMY
AND CALL ME MISTER PROGRAMS

PLEASE RSVP TO DENISE BROWN AT
DENISE@EPISCOPALGREENWOOD.ORG

February 2026

LENTEN DISCIPLINES FROM MEMBERS OF COR

- WRITE A NOTE AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK TO SOMEONE I'M THINKING OF
- READING THE BIBLE MORE TO GET BETTER IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
- COMPLIMENT 3 PEOPLE EACH DAY AND SHARE THE FACE OF JESUS
- REMOVE 2-5 ITEMS FROM MY HOME DAILY AND DONATE THEM IN THE COMMUNITY (3 PEOPLE - BOOKS, CLOTHING, KITCHEN ITEMS, ETC.)
- ATTEND ALL CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING LENT
- COMPLETING CHURCH TASKS THAT I DIDN'T FINISH BEFORE
- MARY BALFOUR LEFT
- READ FORWARD DAY BY DAY
- READ MORNING PRAYER DAILY (OR EVENING PRAYER OR COMPLINE)
- SMILING AT LEAST ONCE DAILY TO A STRANGER
- GIVE UP SOCIAL MEDIA
- GIVE UP LOOKING AT MY PHONE IN PUBLIC PLACES AND USE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SMILE AND SPEAK TO PEOPLE AND/OR ENJOY MY SURROUNDINGS AND GOD'S CREATION

Greetings from the Search Committee for our new Director of Music Ministry! I am writing to update everyone on our progress.

With the Vestry's approval, we circulated our job advertisement widely in November. I posted to the online jobs websites of the American Guild of Organists (National, Greenville, and Columbia chapters), Episcopal News Service, and Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Casting as wide a net as possible, I contacted 130 music faculty members at institutions across the country, including all schools in SC that have a music program, many schools in NC and GA, and schools located across the country with strong organ programs. This led to email exchanges with faculty at USC, Anderson, North Greenville, and Furman, as well as at Juilliard, Yale, University of North Texas, and Baylor.

Our priority deadline was December 31, and the Search Committee met last week to review applications. We have several promising candidates, hailing from as close as Greenwood and as far away as New England and Texas. We have invited three candidates for Zoom interviews, which will take place this month. Anticipating successful Zoom interviews, we plan to conduct in-person interviews in February. We hope that we will have a new Director of Music Ministry in place around or shortly after Easter, though this is dependent on when the candidate can begin.

I want to thank you all for your prayerful support during this search process. I especially want to thank my fellow committee members: Salley Cathcart, Noonie Fennell, Dick Daffin, Beverly Wilson, Barry Wilson, and Lucas McMillan.

Kind Regards,
Benjamin Dobbs
Chair, Director of Music Ministry Search Committee

February 2026 Ministry Schedule	February 1 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	February 8 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	February 15 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany	February 22 The First Sunday of Lent
Vestry of the Month: Beverly Wilson and Charlie Long				
8:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite I				
1st Lesson and Psalm	Graham Duncan	Dean Faden	Stephen Tucker	Mary Van Ellenberg
2nd Lesson	Chuck McDonnell	Dick Daffin	Mary Bright	Laura Shealy
E.M.	Chuck McDonnell	Dick Daffin	Mary Bright	Tom Rohrer
Usher	Stephen Tucker	Walker Moore	Dean Faden	Phil Ellenberg
10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II				
1st Lesson	Mary Charles Haigler	Catie Robertson	Summer Booker	Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges
2nd Lesson	Shana Southard- Dobbs	Lori Stone	Lucas McMillan	Andrew Hodges
E.M.'s	Connie Hammett Eddie Barber	Karen Whitfield Norm Fawcett	Eddie Barber Adrian Little	Connie Hammett Norm Fawcett
Crucifier	Will McMillan	Carolyn Hasting	Breyden Smith	Breyden Smith
Book Bearers	Henry McMillan	Margaret Ann Hasting	TBD	TBD
Torchbearers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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Acolyte Leader	Jennifer Little	Sarah Hasting	Adrian Little	Jennifer Little
Ushers	Richard & Salley Cathcart	John Cobb Abney Wallace	Dan Hobbs Allen Hughes	Al & Rebecca Merrill
Prayer Team	Breyden Smith	Sarah Hasting	Breyden Smith	Celie Mescall
Nursery Volunteers	Kim Russell Delaney Floyd	Sherri Ward Mary Bright	Aly Haigler Mary Bright	Marty Cobb Delaney Floyd
Hospitality	Marty Cobb	Marilyn Bennett & Billy DuPre (Bishop's reception)	TBD	TBD
Blessing Box	Alecia Compton	Alecia Compton	Alecia Compton	Alecia Compton
Flower Guild	Marilyn Bennett	Carla Hobbs	Karen Whitfield	None
Flower Delivery	Karen Whitfield	Ross Ann Steifle	Susu Wallace	None

Ash Wednesday, February 18 6pm
1st Lesson & Psalm: Celie Mescall
2nd Lesson: Shana Southard-Dobbs
Ushers: Richard & Salley Cathcart

February Birthdays

3-John Hasting

4-Rowan Allord

5-Glenn Donaghy

7-James Padgett, Jr., Elizabeth Snipes-Rochester

10-Sarah Contakos, Samuel McDevitt

11-Julia Donaghy, Whittaker Russell

12-Abbie Jules Davis, Cannon Wooten

13-Bill McCabe

14-Mirta Lindsey

19-David Dougherty, Mary Charles Haigler

21-Jim Mulligan

23-Griffin Jones

24-Michele Anderson

25-John A. Cobb

27-Ryan Floyd, Bob Helfrich, Leslie McDonnell

February Anniversaries

3-Dick and Sandra Daffin

6-John and Meisha Cobb

14-Bruce and Trisha Craven

17-Larry and Libby Carson

Prayers of the People:

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Paul Criswell, David Dougherty, Corrine Price, Cathy Robertson, Nancy VanWaldick, Bryan Biggart (Karen Whitfield's son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Dennis and Gwenda Dobbs (Ben Dobbs' parents), Hailey Greene (Karen Bright's niece), Robyn Griffin (Cindy Hughes' daughter), David Hammett (Connie Hammett's brother), Sandy Hammett (Connie Hammett's sister-in-law), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer's daughter), Pat Miller (Alison Moore's father), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkle's niece), Hayley Rillon (granddaughter of Cindy Hughes), Jerry Ross (Ross Ann Steifle's uncle), and Mason Shirley.

And for these persons: Nannette Earnest (Karen Bright's cousin), Scott Hines (Ross Ann Steifle's friend), Dick Hull (Laurie Thompson's friend), Nancy May & Jenny Perkey (Cindy Hughes' friends), and Larry and Judy Younce.

The **altar arrangements** are given in loving memory of Hilary and Dr. Harry Inder by Tony and Julia Ball (February 1); to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elsie Speer and Albert U. Mitchum by Sandra and William Lewis (February 8); to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rebecca Chambers, Geraldine and Domer Ridings Jr., and Joe and Virginia Robinson by Domer and Jackie Ridings (February 15).

From the Rafters

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