

# *Grace Presbyterian News*

## **March 2019**

**Light Lunch after Worship – Sunday, March 3, to Express our Love for Jean Markham**  
As Jean Markham prepares to move to Florida in the near future, we pause after worship Sunday, March 3, with a light lunch to celebrate our friendship with and love for Jean, and to thank her for her many years of faithful service at Grace Presbyterian Church, its Bartlett predecessor, and her years as a pastor's wife, augmenting the ministry of her late husband, the Rev. Robert Markham, a pastor in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

### **We Welcome Organist Jon Settlemares**

Jon Settlemares will begin serving as our organist at the Ash Wednesday service on March 6. Jon and the Worship Committee have agreed to a term of service each Sunday through June 16, with the possibility of an extension beyond that time if both Jon and the session feel so led. Please welcome Jon in the finest tradition of Grace Presbyterian hospitality.

### **Sunday, March 3 – Epiphany Season Ends with the Transfiguration**

Our Epiphany season this year has been a lengthy one. It has led us from the visit of the Wise Men, to the Baptism of Jesus, his miracle of turning of water into wine, his sermon at the synagogue in Nazareth, his call of the disciples, and some of his teaching in Luke's Sermon on the Plain, his version of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. Now the season of light concludes with the transfiguration, in which on a mountaintop and in the presence of three of the disciples – Peter, John, and James, to put them in the order Luke names them – Jesus' face is transfigured by a great light, while also the Old Testament worthies, Moses and Elijah, appear alongside Jesus. The Old Testament and Epistle readings for this day (see back page of this newsletter) are also instructive in setting the context and explaining some of the meaning and interpretation of the Transfiguration.

### **Ash Wednesday – March 6 – Services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.**

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on March 6. These forty days invite us to introspection, confession, repentance, and amendment of life. It all begins with that solemn word, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Many of us have no shortage of reminders that life is uncertain and brief. What do we make of this fact? Getting right with God and with neighbor would be a good response. The Scriptures and prayers and the imposition of ashes and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper help mark a fitting and meaningful start to our Lenten journey. We also meet Tuesdays, beginning March 12, at 5:30 for our Lenten devotional series Tuesday at the Cross.

### **Tuesday at the Cross March 12, 19 and 26 at 5:30 p.m.**

It is appropriate during Lent to take on an added spiritual discipline, and one way to do that this Lent is to join in our Tuesday at the Cross devotional series (Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., March 12, 19, and 26, and April 2 and 9). This half hour service includes prayer, scripture reading, silent meditation and a brief reflection from Pastor Mike Krech on ways of looking at who Jesus was and is.

### **Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in March (Lesson 6 in Book)**

The Night Circle meets Monday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Day Circle meets Tuesday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

**Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church**

Prayer and Praise begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. We sing and pray by name for those on the prayer list.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bell choir rehearsal is held most Sundays after worship at about 12:00 noon.

Chapel for the Extended Care is held on Mondays at 4:15 p.m. (March 18 and 25).

Tuesday at the Cross is held on Tuesdays, March 12, 19 and 26, at 5:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsal is held in the sanctuary Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

GrandPals read to children in the preschool on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed (our program for children in the extended care) meets Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

### **Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsals on Thursday Nights**

The session has approved a request from the Bartlett Area Chorus to rehearse in our sanctuary on Thursday evenings through the spring from 7:00 to approximately 9:00 p.m. each week (excluding Maundy Thursday), beginning March 7. The chorus leaders were very enthusiastic about our space musically, and also our central Bartlett location. So, when you see cars here on Thursday nights, that's what's going on.

### **Visitors in Worship who signed the register in February 2019**

Bill Britton; Nadiyah Gibbs; Doris Goings; Susie & Al Hayes; Sandra Hurley; Brien, XiZhang, Samuel, Paul Luck; Danne Jo Matthews; Roseann and Dan Mayo, Bartlett, Shawn McGoldrick; Don and LindaJo McKim; Roselle Revelle; Martha Starnes, Hapeville GA; Steve White; Lawrence Yancey.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					11:00 a.m. GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 4:15 p.m. Mustard Seed	9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting at Idlewild Church  <i>Patsy Krech</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Transfiguration 12:00 Lunch for Jean Markham <i>Michelle Clifford</i>			Ash Wednesday Worship 12:00 Noon And 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 4:15 p.m. Mustard Seed	<i>Casey Kehrl Linda Young</i>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Daylight Saving Time begins 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Lent 1 Bell Choir rehearsal	7:00 p.m. PW Night Circle	10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle  5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	No GrandPals  4:15 p.m. Mustard Seed	
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Lent 2 Bell Choir rehearsal	4:15 p.m. Chapel for Extended Care  5:30 p.m. Session Mtg.	5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  <i>Suzanne Wood</i>	7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal <i>Bob Gammon</i>	11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers  4:15 p.m. Mustard Seed	
<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Lent 3 Communion/ March 31st Lent 4 Bell Choir rehearsal  <i>Ken Hathaway (31<sup>st</sup>)</i>	4:15 p.m. Chapel for Extended Care	5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal  <i>Tony Benassi Anna Tate</i>	6:30 p.m. Game Night	

## **Elders Serving Communion**

**March 6 (Ash Wednesday):**

**Paula Bishop, Kevin Bopp, Rickie Cooke,  
Harold Howard, Elizabeth Velazquez**

**March 24:**

**John Gordon, Sandy Kehrli, Jim Pickren,  
Anna Tate, Janet Vawter**

## **Usher Schedule**

**March 3: Hugh Bishop & Kendall Walker**

**March 6(Ash Wednesday):**

**Ken Hathaway & Elizabeth Velazquez**

**March 10 and 17:**

**Harold Howard & Sandy Kehrli**

**March 24 and 31:**

**Ken Hathaway & Ruth Ellen Cox**

## **Lectors**

**March 3: Becky Stirling**

**March 10: Janet Vawter**

**March 17: Bob Harrold**

**March 24: Bob Gammon**

**March 31: Suzanne Getman**

## **Closing Elders**

**March 3: Brooks Keiser**

**March 10: Rosemary Gordon**

**March 17: Rickie Cooke**

**March 24: Emily Mayne**

**March 31: Emily Mayne**

## **Scripture Readings for Worship:**

**March 3:** Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

**March 6 (Ash Wednesday):**

Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Psalm 51;

2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

**March 10:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91

Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

**March 17:** Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

**March 24:** Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63;

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

**March 31:** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15: 1-3,11b-32

## **A Prayer for the Transfiguration**

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah; and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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