



SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Third Sunday in Lent March 24, 2019

GATHERING

WELCOME

Dr. Steve Eason

INTROIT (8:30)

Be Thou My Vision
Andrew Skoog, tenor

IRISH BALLAD

(11:00)

I Was Glad
SHPC Chancel Choir

Alice Jordan

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #148

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Rev. Rachel Hamburger

Holy God, we groan in our weakness, and ask forgiveness for our sin and failing before you. Your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good; you provide streams of living mercy, and invite us again and again to live renewed lives. So we turn once again to the cross, to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ, seated at your right hand, and to the gracious gift of your Spirit. Hear our prayer, O Lord, for we ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* ACT OF PRAISE #85, vs. 1 (*Congregation sings.*)

WONDROUS LOVE

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

* PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(During flu season, you are welcome to touch elbows!)

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

(As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing "Jesus Loves Me!")

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(Children age four through first grade meet Children & Worship greeters. Children will be returned to the Sanctuary before the Congregational Meeting.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Karen White

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 126

Pew Bible, p.572

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO (8:30)

Sarabande from Cello suite No. 1
Livingston Cheney, cello

J. S. Bach

ANTHEM (11:00)

Come to Me

Dan Forrest

SHPC Chancel Choir; Wayde Odle, tenor; Livingston Cheney, cello

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pew Bible, p. 13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Sower and The Seed"

Dr. Steve Eason

HYMN #322 (seated)

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mark Lampley

Our Father who 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.

THE OFFERING

*Attendance registers are in the pews, next to the center aisle.
Please sign and pass them on to the person sitting next to you.*

OFFERTORY (8:30) *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* arr. Mark Hayes
Eunsuk Jung, piano

(11:00) *Sarabande* from Cello suite No. 1 J. S. Bach
Livingston Cheney, cello

* DOXOLOGY (*Congregation sings.*)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN OF DEDICATION #560 *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* NYLAND

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Diane Bish

Prayer is available after worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

*Large-print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals, and assisted-listening devices
(Bluetooth and t-coil compatible) are available upon request.*

*Lightweight shawls are hanging on the coat rack for
anyone who would like a little extra warmth.*

Ushers are available to assist you with these items.

Please let us know how we can further assist you.

*If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus, please speak to a
pastor following the Service or contact one this week at the church.*

May applause resound in our hearts as we ascribe to the Lord the glory of His Name!

** Please stand if you are able.*

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 A.M. - Confirmation Class (The Loft)
- Sunday School (see CE brochure)

- 10:30 A.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 P.M. - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 12:30 P.M. - Youth Meeting (The Loft)

MONDAY

- 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. - Staff Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
- 10:00 A.M. - Stretch/Balance/Strength Exercise Class (The Loft)
- 11:15 A.M. - Yoga Class (The Loft)
- 3:00 P.M. - Monday Movie Matinee (Media Room)
- 6:00 P.M. - Grief Care (Room 320)
- 6:30 P.M. - Disciple Group I (The Loft)

TUESDAY

- 4:00 P.M. - New Officer Training (Room 322)
- 6:45 P.M. - Deacon Meeting (Room 322)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 A.M. - Wednesday Bible Study (Fowler Conference Room)
- 4:30 P.M. - Joyful Praise Choir (Upper Conference Room)
- Joyful Noise Choir (Children & Worship Room)
- 5:15 P.M. - Wednesday Night Fellowship (Barron Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. - Parables Bible Study (Barron Hall)
- Women’s Bible Study (Fowler Conference Room)
- Infant/Toddler Childcare (Room 204)
- Preschool/Elementary Childcare (Media Room)
- Youth Small Groups (The Loft)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- Youth Meeting (The Loft)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 A.M. - Stretch/Balance/Strength Exercise Class (The Loft)
- 11:15 A.M. - Yoga Class (The Loft)
- 5:30 P.M. - The Daniel Plan Study (Fowler Conference Room)

FRIDAY

- 7:00 A.M. - Men’s Bible Studies (various locations)
- 9:30 A.M. - Beginner’s Tai Chi (Barron Hall)
- 10:00 A.M. - Tai Chi (Barron Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU A VISITOR WITH US TODAY? We are delighted that you are here. If you would like more information about Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, please speak to an usher or visit our website at www.sequoyahchurch.org.

PRINTED COPIES OF PREVIOUS SERMONS are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office. Sermons and recorded Worship Services are available on the church website under the Sermons & Media tab.

BOUND COPIES OF THE SERMON SERIES “Advent Questions” and “A Word a Week” are available in the library and church office courtesy of a grateful parishioner.

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God from Melinda Ethier and Susan Speight in loving memory of their parents, Frances and Harry Story.

WE WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES Livingston Cheney, a graduate student in cello at UT.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY at 12:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. The Pastor Nominating Committee will present the candidate for our next Pastor/Head of Staff for a congregational vote immediately following the 11:00 Worship Service. Those attending the 8:30 Service are encouraged to return for the meeting.

DUE TO THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING nursery workers will stay until 12:30. Please pick up your child before 12:30. Also, if your child is going to Children & Worship, Mary Emily will bring your child back to the sanctuary at noon so you do not have to go downstairs to get your child before the meeting.

JOIN THE STRETCH, BALANCE, AND STRENGTHENING CLASS on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 until 11:00 A.M. in The Loft. Better flexibility and strength reduce injuries from daily activities. All fitness levels are welcome.

THE MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE is on March 25 at 3:00 P.M. in the Media Room. This month's movie is "Churchill" starring Brian Cox, Miranda Richardson, and John Slattery. Come and bring a friend.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS WILL meet on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:45 P.M. in Room 322.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP (Barron Hall) features BBQ chicken, pinto beans, corn muffins, salad, and dessert. The serving line is open from 5:15 to 6:00 P.M.

THE PARABLES BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. in Barron Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this large-group presentation and discussion led by clergy.

HABITAT: Thank you to everyone who volunteered for Blitz days. Volunteers are still needed on March 30, April 27, and May 4. Register online using the link on the main page of the church website. You must create an account (choose your own username and password, leave "join code" blank, for area of interest, choose "Interested in Construction," and complete the bio page). You will be automatically redirected to the page where you choose the day(s) you'd like to volunteer.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to place a lily (\$20) in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office at 522-9804.

NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED: If you aren't already signed up for one or more of the Habitat build Saturdays, just do it! Another local mission opportunity is at KARM and available now. If you can help them at one of their local stores with sorting items, mainly clothing, they are in need of volunteers. Check out the attached website and go to the indicated pages. Whichever store you want to sign up for you can select and then register for those date(s) you can help. When on their website you can also choose to call a specific store by entering your zip code. Make it a group experience and enjoy the day with familiar and new friends alike. Thank you. Email volunteer@karmstores.com or go to their website www.karm.org / [KarmStores](http://KarmStores.com) / [Volunteer@KarmStores](mailto:Volunteer@KarmStores.com).

FRED YOUNG III, son of Fred Young, Jr. and member of SHPC until he was ordained, will deliver the sermon on Sunday, April 7.

THE DEACONS OF SEQUOYAH HILLS are calling every member of the church between now and Easter simply to find out where you are in life and how you are doing. We hope you will take this call. Just hearing from you will be invaluable.

JOIN AN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: (1) Chapel – Acts, (2) Spitzer Room 322 – *Path to the Cross* by Ray Vander Laan, (3) Spitzer Room 320 – 2 Peter, (4) Spitzer Room 319 – Encounter Class studying Sunday Scripture, (5) Spitzer Room 317 – Life of Jesus through Gospels, and (6) Spitzer Room 232 – Book of John. All are welcome to attend any class at any time.

DELICIOUS, HEALTH-ENHANCING HOLY LAND OLIVE OIL is available for purchase. The oil, produced by Palestinian farmers, is extra virgin, certified organic, and fair trade. The oil (\$15 per 500ml bottle or \$168 for twelve bottles) is available by contacting Sherry Shepherd at 621-5073 or chshepherd4@aol.com or at The Village Exchange.

AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE two members of our Lay Prayer Team are available at the front of the Sanctuary to pray with and for you. ". . . *pray for one another, so that you may be healed.*" James 5:16

THIS SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Greeter – Cindy Compton; Ushers – Ned Babb, Joe Bruner, Sandy Gillespie, Beau Hannifin, Lee Hyde, Vance Link, Jim Mitchell, Jerry Sinclair, Judd Spitzer, and Beth Sterchi. February Flowers – Samma Bromley, Cammy Glover, and Adrienne McPeake.

IN THE NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED-LIVING CENTERS: Arbor Terrace – Donna Stevens; Avenir Memory Care – Barbara Knoph; Elmcroft – Mamie Vohs; NHC Farragut – Barbara Patterson; Northshore Senior Living – Phyllis Marks; Park Place of West Knoxville – Jim Patteson; Westmoreland – Betty Benson and Pat Gray.



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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