Hartsville First United Methodist Church

Ministers – All God's People (1 Peter 2:9)

Pianist/Organist/Choral Leader – Seth Thurman Pastor David Lay

February 22, 2026
1 Sunday of Lent

Welcome to Hartsville First United Methodist Church. We are pleased you chose to join us this morning. We encourage guests to fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE (Let us offer one another signs of peace and welcome)
CALL TO WORSHIP Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - 89 (verse 1) Choir

OPENING PRAYER
Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ, you know the tests and trials we face. Journey with us to Jerusalem and to your cross. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to you in faith, believing the good news of the gospel; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
Adapted from the Presbyterian Church USA website

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **O Worship the King** **No. 73**
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Apostle's Creed** **No. 881**
Reader: Maddie Curtis

CHILDREN'S TIME **Beth Crabtree**

CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have chosen selfishness over selflessness, darkness over light, and fear over trust. Too often, we have ignored the message of the cross, forgetting that Jesus came not only to forgive our sins, but to save us from them. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts again toward your wondrous love, and reshape us by the example of Christ, who gave himself for us all. Amen. (A moment of silent confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (based on Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:10, NRSV)
Hear the good news: God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. This is love: not that we first loved God, but that God first loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! From Liturgies and Prayers, Why Did Jesus Have to Die?, Copyright © 2025 Abingdon Press

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer **No. 895**
***HYMN OF PREPARATION** **It's Me, It's Me, O Lord** **No. 352**
WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory
Doxology **No. 95**

SCRIPTURE **1 Corinthians 1:18-25, Mark 8:31-37 CEB**

SERMON **Why Did Jesus Have to Die: The Mystery and Meaning of the Cross**
RESPONSE TO THE WORD
***HYMN OF INVITATION** **O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done** **No. 287**
***SENDING FORTH** We go forth serving God and neighbor as we follow Christ into the world.
***BENEDICTION**
Go now, with the mystery of the cross in your heart. May the Word made flesh dwell richly within you. And may the God who brings good out of evil and life out of death go with you and keep you, now and forevermore. Amen. From Liturgies and Prayers, Why Did Jesus Have to Die?, Copyright © 2025 Abingdon Press
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus – 349** **Choir**
Let us go forth into the mission field God has given us to serve with Jesus Christ our Lord.
***Please stand as you are able.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Flowers** on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Natalie Knudson.
Bible Study will not meet this week due to Pastor David attending the Disaster Response Academy.
The Choir will practice this week.
The Handbells will meet on Thursday at 6 PM. RINGERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.
The **Scriptures** for next Sunday are: Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:22, 45, and John 1:1-5, 14.
Chapel Hill UMC will hold a **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** on February 28th from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
On March 15th, we will have **Renewal Sunday**. This is a back-to-church Sunday. Please encourage everyone to attend.
Holy Thursday Communion will be held on Thursday, April 2nd, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. If you wish, you can attend for the Great Thanksgiving or come and go at any time during that period. Scriptures for meditation will be available.
On Good Friday, we will have a Tenebrae service, a service of darkness in which we will remember our Lord's passion and death through scripture. This is a very meaningful service as we prepare for Easter Sunday.

In Service at Our Church-February 2026

	Today	Next Week
Ushers:	Bobbie Joe and Judy Lentz	Jared Robertson family
(Ushers, please make a count of the attendance and record)		
Prayer Team	Betty Gross	Tina Heitt
Acolytes:	Maddie Curtis	Hadley Boswell
Reader:	Maddie Curtis	Hadley Boswell
Kids' message:	Beth Crabtree	Kathy Atwood
Flowers:	Natalie Knudsen	Kathy Dies

Our Prayer List

Please let the Pastor know in writing if you have additions or updates for our Prayer List.

Bill and Vivian Arnold & Helen & Don Voss; Barbara Garren, Maxton Hawkins, Eli Pedigo, David Parker, Amanda Garey, Tom Harris, Ashley Warwick, Levi Owen, Eddie Taylor, Wendy Finn, Norene Byrd, Tina Hiett, Dawson Primm, Mary Lanier, Bill Painter, Luke Givens, Fred Rathbone, Durrell Burton (Amy McEvoy's father), Patsy Nickols, Anne Elliott.

Stewardship as of February 15, 2026	January	February	2026
Tithes/Offerings, Operating Budget	$8477	$7994	$16471
Designated for Building Fund	$ $700	$200	$200
Designated for Mission of the Month	$ $56	$251	$307
Worship Attendance for 02/15/25: 46 Sunday School: 5 Online 1			

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Ministry of the Month: **Backpack Program**

Pantry Donation Needed: **Mac and Cheese**

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The UMW has BBQ for sale at 10$ a pound and pecans at 15$. See any UMW member.

Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 6 pm, at Goose Creek Coffee.

The Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM.

The Handbells meet Thursdays at 6 PM

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