

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 15, 2026

WE WELCOME AS OUR SPECIAL GUEST TODAY THE
ROXBORO JAYCEES AND OUR MAYOR, CYNTHIA PETTY
TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SPECIAL RECOGNITION of the Reverend Julia Alliger and
Reverend Milton Hadley as Pastors Emeritus

PRELUDE "The Wonderful Cross" Watts, Reeves, Tomlin, Walt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters,
the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables
surrounded by our enemies.

**People: We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who
guides us on the journey.**

Leader: The journey of grace points us toward the Light so
that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we
do.

**People: We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives
may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and
true.**

Leader: The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to
discern what is pleasing to God.

**People: We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us
to go from this place to work together to do what
is pleasing to God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and
empowers us on the journey of grace.

**People: Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace
together! Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH 33
We welcome with love those who have indicated their desire to
become members of Long Memorial this morning:
Kim and Todd Bulgrin

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your
Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word
proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us
today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 9:1-17 NT – page 96

PSALM 23 UMH 137

ANTHEM (11 A.M. only) "Were You There" arr. Traditional
Chancel Choir Solo: Bob Morgan

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH as we sing:
**I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing, (repeat x3)
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.** UMH 333

SERMON "Five W's" Reverend Ed Priestaf

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory "Gentle Shepherd" Gaither

* DOXOLOGY No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise
him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH 474

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE "I Sing The Mighty Power Of God" Watts

*Please Stand As You Are Able

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God by the Roxboro Jaycees.

THIS WEEK AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC:

Sunday: 8:45 A.M. - Early Church - Chapel

11:00 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary

2:00 P.M. – DYW – Stage & Harris Hall

Wednesday: Noon – Lenten Lunch & Devotion – H. Hall

5:00 P.M. – DYW – Harris Hall

Thursday: P.M. – DSA Awards Banquet – Harris Hall & Stage

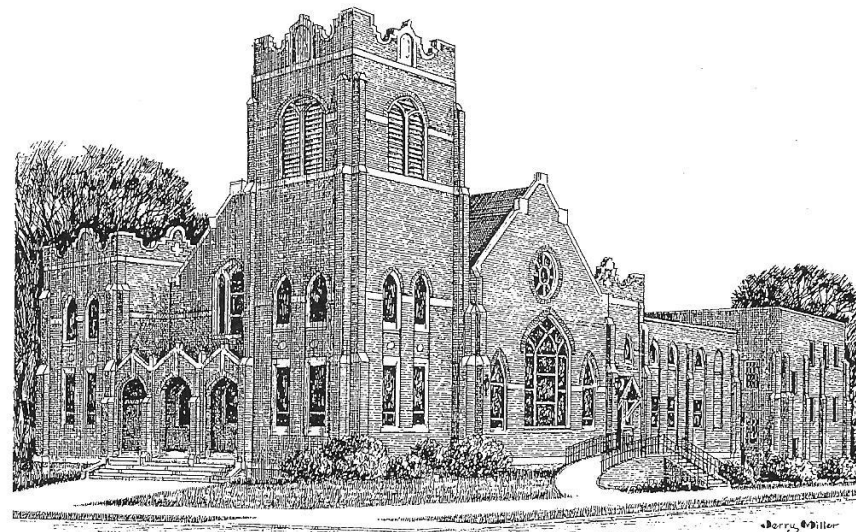
Saturday: P.M. – Ashley Reed – Harris Hall

Handbell Choir Wednesday 6 P.M.

Chancel Choir Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

PRAYER LIST: Norma Sabiston, Lois Winstead, Linda & Eddie Bridges, Phyllis Tuck, Jean Andrews, Mike Wrenn, Bob Morningstar, Nancy Hall (Claudia Berryhill's aunt in hospice).

A nursery (located in front of the church office) is available. Parents – please set your phones on vibrate and leave your cell number with the nursery attendants so that if you are needed you can be reached.



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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16

*Our Mission Is To Make Disciples Of Jesus
For The Transformation Of The World*

Leader: This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made

People: Let Us Rejoice And Be Glad In It.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to Long Memorial United Methodist Church! It is our sincere desire that your worship time with us will be enjoyable and edifying. If you are interested in learning more about our community please see the "visitor" section of this bulletin.