

Singing the Faith

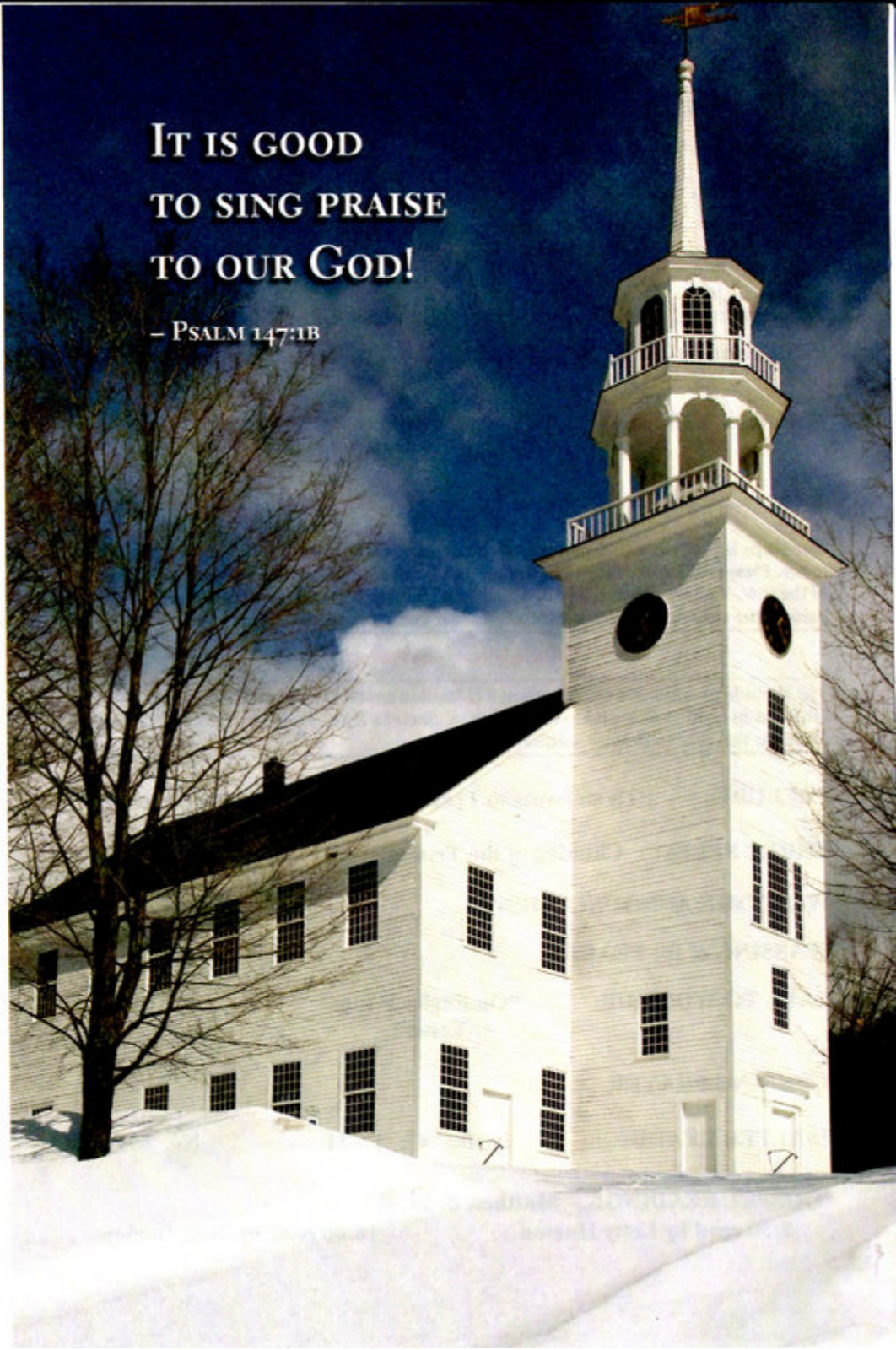
Our daughter's preschool teacher sang to welcome each student to class. The class sang to line up, wash their hands, clean up, and pray before meals. They sang silly happy songs and serious sad songs. Each child had a voice and contributed to the joyful noise. Singing unifies us because when we sing together we express emotions through song, which touches us deeply.

The Bible has over four hundred references to singing songs of praise and fifty commands to sing praise to God. The songs of our faith help us remember the important tenets of the faith and connect us to our emotions. According to Paul, the early church sang songs of praise each time it gathered. When David played the harp for Saul, his troubled heart was calmed (1 Samuel 16:23).

Through our songs, we experience a wide range of emotions. The music, beat, and rhythm of a song will often amplify the emotions of the words being expressed. The music and words of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" move our emotions to soar, whereas "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" grounds our sorrow. Music helps us memorize the texts of songs and recall memories. I have visited with a number of persons who can't remember the names of their spouse or children, but if you begin to sing a hymn, they remember all the words and can sing along.

Singing the faith uplifts the spirits of the faithful. Music touches the soul and opens us up to encounter the Holy One. It would be safe to say that God enjoys our worshipping through song.

—Dale Clem



**IT IS GOOD
TO SING PRAISE
TO OUR GOD!**

— PSALM 147:1B



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Where Friends and Faith Meet

Rev. Brian Preveaux

Ron Pozsonyi, Lay Leader Joann Sandruck, Organist, Music Director

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Sunday February 4, 2018

Greeters & Ushers: 8:30 Jerry Vagnier, Bill Harting
10:00 Jane and Dave Disney

WELCOME

Our Hope is that you will experience God our Father's love in our worship service today. Please fill out the blue registration pad located on the pew and pass it to the end of the row. Visitors please take our informative brochure, located on the table in the back of the church, which provides some of St. Luke's history.

Please Silence Cell Phones

The Prelude provides the congregation a transition space. The beautiful music is intended as a gift to God and to help bring us closer to Him. Please be mindful that some use this time to pray or meditate.

PRELUDE: "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (Gilbert Martin)

THREE BELLS: Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING of the PEACE**

CALL TO WORSHIP: "On Eagles Wings" No. 143
Verse 1

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Psalm 147: 1 – 11 No. 859

***GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 8: 14 - 17
8:30 read by Letty Husson 10:00 read by June Dorsey

***OPENING HYMN:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139
[Verses 1, 3, 5]

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** No. 881

***GLORIA PATRI:** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 70

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "In Remembrance"
Judy Colwell and Ingrid Ronnie

***DOXOLOGY:** No. 95

Luke 4: 31 - 37

"Message to be shared by Rev. Preveaux"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF INVITATION:** "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57
[Verses 1, 2, 3, 7]

The Congregation is welcome to come to the altar for prayer and meditation during the last hymn. **All worshipers are invited.**

***BENEDICTION**

***"God Be with You till We Meet Again"** (see insert on inside back cover of hymnal)

***POSTLUDE:**

***Please stand as able.**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God.

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02-02 Letty and Bill Husson 2-04 Margene and Bill Vandergriff
02-14 Ann and Todd Hicks, Sally and John Suberati
02-24 Anne and John Seely 02-25 Jackie and Ron Pozsonyi
02-27 Ellie and Robert Antoine

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!

02-05 Ethel Lollis
02-06 Ivy Sabatini 02-09 Linda Metcalf
02-10 Walker Hamilton 02-13 John Bardoni, Gary Landin
02-13 Bill Trainer 02-15 Ron Garner

Please check your calendar and see if you are free to greet/usher and/or read the gospel. See sign-up sheet on the sanctuary board or contact **Angie Harting at 843.705.0917**

Please notify Jane Disney by **noon** on **THURSDAY**, any prayer requests, announcements, anniversaries or birthdays to be placed in the bulletin. jabdisney@gmail.com 843.707.1764

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH MEMBERS

Nancy Adkins	George Batten	Jean/Doug Corkern
Verna Crosby	Marcia/Ron Garner	Adeline/Al Gibson
Eddie Goldfinch	Todd Hicks	John Hubbard
Marge Kirwan	Kathie Leonard	Carolyn Ransier
Gail Rogers	Mildred Schildkamp	Emily Simmons
Jane Slayton	Carol Vineyard	Shirley Wissman

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Richard, brother of Skip Blymiller
Susan, daughter of Ethel Lollis
Diane Manning, wife of Jim Manning's nephew
Cindy Phinney, sister of Richard Smith
Vonnie and Ellis Stearns, parents of Angie Harting
Duane & Celesta Warner, brother/sister-in-law of Mildred Schildkamp
Robert Stout, son-in-law of Jane Tiffany
Victoria Thompson, a friend's daughter of Angie Harting
Howard Wick, son of Jane and Jerry Wick
Lynn Boate, friend of Marcia Garner
Courtney, daughter of Judi Landin
Karen Roehl, friend of Bill Trainer
Mongin Smyly, father of Joy Preveaux
Nancy, sister of Dottie Apgar
Mary and Bob Burns, friends of Dottie Apgar
Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie and John Baldauf
Carl, brother of Joann Sandruck
Jim McCarthy friend of Ginny and Dennis Smith
Pete Ender friend of Ginny and Dennis Smith

Verna Crosby is at NHC, Room 303. Visits, calls, cards and prayers are all appreciated.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7:30 PM **AA Meeting**
 Wednesday – 10:30 AM **Al-Anon Meeting**
 Thursday – 7-8 PM **Women's Candlelight AA Group**

I will be in the office Tuesday, February 6th from 9:00 to 12:00 Noon. Feel free to drop by.
Rev. Brian

We will be rekeying the locks to both the sanctuary and fellowship hall in the near future. Let me know if you need keys. I can be contacted at jim_seymore@usa.com or 843.368.9722.
 Jim Seymore

The Trustees need your help! We need to update the www.FindaGrave.com website by documenting and taking pictures of our graveyard/cemetery markers. We also want to update our personal church records.

Joy Preveaux has agreed to tackle this daunting task. Helpers are needed to achieve these goals. If you are able and willing to update and document our history, please contact her at jpreveaux40@gmail.com or [1.843.563.1886](tel:1.843.563.1886) to be added to the list by **Monday, February 5th**.

We would like to accomplish this before the weather becomes too hot; once a list of helpers is determined she will contact you to set up an organizational date. Thank you in advance for your help and service with this area of need.

Jim Seymore

TODAY..... FEBRUARY 4th at the conclusion of each service, baskets will be available for your donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Individuals seeking these donations need assistance with housing, food and medical expenses.

Chancel Singers begin rehearsals next Thursday, February 8th at 6:45 PM at church. Music can be picked up in the fellowship hall next to the piano. Hope to see you there.
 Joann

I will be holding a Lenten Study during the season of Lent on "24 Hours That Changed the World."
 The books are ready to be picked up in the fellowship hall today.
 The study is six weeks in length and will begin on Tuesday, February 13 at 10:00 and end on March 20th.
 Rev. Brian

Lenten Schedule

Community Lenten Services will be held at 12:00 Noon as listed below:
 A light meal will be served after the service.

Wednesday	Host Church	Host Pastor	Proclaiming Pastor
Feb. 14- Ash	Lowcountry Presbyterian	Rev. Chris Herrin	Rev. Brian Preveaux
Feb. 21	Lord of Life Lutheran	Rev. Rick Klotz	Rev. Daniel Burbage
Feb. 28	Bluffton United Methodist	Rev. Becky McCorkendale	TBD
Mar. 7	St. Luke's United Methodist	Rev. Brian Preveaux	Rev. Joey McDonald
Mar. 14	Campbell Chapel AME	Rev. Dr. Jon R. Black	Rev. Rick Klotz
Mar. 21	Church of the Palms	Rev. Pete Berntson	Rev. Dr. Jon R. Black

St. Luke's will be hosting the Lenten Service and light lunch on Wednesday, March 7th at Noon. Watch for sign-up sheets for helping with meal preparation and serving.

ALSO, TODAY ... FEBRUARY 4th we will be delivering items to the local food bank as part of our First Sunday Food Mission. Thank you for helping to restock the shelves.