



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us. We rejoice that you are here today!

Music for Prayer and Meditation

Let us silence our hearts, our minds, and our voices to worship our God

Choral Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more:

People: **More food, more money, more power, more life!**

Leader: "What could it hurt?" we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls:

People: **More suffering, more hunger, more need, more fear, more anger.**

Leader: So we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of "more":

People: **And to celebrate that we do not need "more" when we have everything in Christ.**

Leader: Beloved of God, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God's Spirit, which has all we need to live fully, love deeply, and serve faithfully.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

We encounter you, O God, in places we might not expect and in people we would never imagine. Sometimes we see you clearly and sometimes we pass by without seeing you at all. Open our eyes to see you here and now, among the people in this congregation and among the strangers we meet outside these doors. Open our hearts to gladly welcome and receive you, by welcoming all those you send our way. This we pray in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, who welcomes us all with your love and grace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #252

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

Children's Moment

Anthem

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn Prayer Hymn #482

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, **Lord's Prayer** *(words printed in hymnal #740)*

Prayer Response #490: **Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology #34

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

*Hymn of Preparation #254 (vs. 1 & 2) *"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"*

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Message

"Wilderness Experience"

Pastor Patty

*Closing Hymn #14

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction and Congregational Response

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

*Postlude

**please stand as you are able*

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*Pastor Patty will be in Chatham Tuesday afternoon
and Wednesday afternoon and evening*

Please continue to pray for...

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's disease **Laura Tice**, health concerns
Jeff Natterer, health concerns **Neva Bournival**, now at Elmcroft
Clarice, Rosalie's sister – health concerns
Larry Staples, multiple health concerns
Rev. Doug Lewis, GOOD REPORT – Praise God!!! – continued recovery
from surgery
Ethan Siman, Adam Klein in the service
Kyle Bohley as he journeys through his confirmation preparation

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Sunday, February 18 – 11:15 Worship Committee meeting
- ✓ Sunday, February 18 – 11:30 a.m. Confirmation at Chatham
- ✓ Sunday, February 18 – 7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Worship at Waltz UMC
- ✓ Wednesday, February 21 – 7:00 p.m. BOA meeting (all welcome!)
- ✓ Thursday, February 22 – 1:30 and 6:45 Bible Study (Philippians 4:10-20)
- ✓ Sunday, February 25 – 7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Worship at York UMC

Record of our Faithfulness

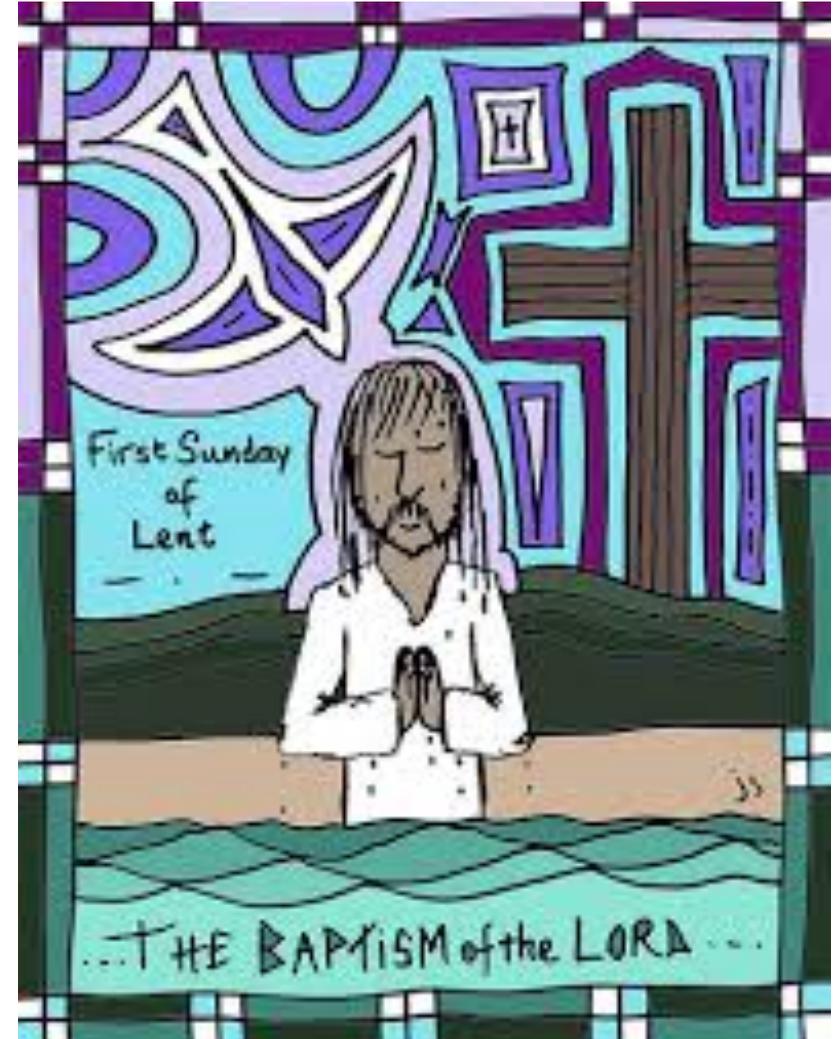
Attendance last week: **46** Offering: **\$1,705.00** Care & Share: **\$5.00**

SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE – On Saturday, March 3 we will be gathering at the Norwalk First UMC for worship with the Bishop then a celebration of ministries in the conference. All are welcome to attend.

A TIME OF SERVICE – If you would like to help prepare a meal and/or go with Jayne & Ed to St. Herman's House to serve, please talk to Jayne so she can set a date with the staff.

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen & Dave Geisinger **Lay Leader:** Greg Theus
Lay Servants: Jacci Orosz, Laura Staten **Liturgist:** Greg Theus
Ushers and Greeters: Keith & Debbie



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