

encounters on the road to the cross

February 22, 2026

GATHER...TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Sharing of the Peace and Welcome		Dr. Alissa Rowe
Invitation to Worship		Dr. Rowe
Prelude	<i>O God, Be Merciful</i> Melvin Hale, organ	J.S. Bach
*Call to Worship		Bobby Rayburn
Leader:	God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.	
Congregation:	Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it! Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!	
Leader:	Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.	
Congregation:	O give thanks to God for such unswerving love, for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.	
*Hymn #169	<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	ST. FLAVIAN
*Invocation		Bobby Rayburn

GATHER...TO WELCOME THE CHILDREN

The children are invited forward for the children's sermon.

Hymn #603	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	CHINA
Children's Sermon		Bobby Rayburn
Choral Praise	<i>The Majesty and Glory of Your Name</i>	Tom Fettke
When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man, Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia!		

GATHER...TO OFFER OUR GIFTS WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer		Jack Nunneley
Offertory	<i>Lamb of God</i> Melvin Hale, organ	arr. Twila Paris

*Response Doxology #375 *Give Thanks to God* EARTH AND ALL STARS
Give thanks to God, He is Creator, sing to the Lord, O sing a new song!
He is our Lord and our Redeemer, sing to the Lord, O sing a new song!
Worship the Lord and stand amazed; worship the Lord with endless praise.

GATHER...TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture	John 3:13-21	Dr. Leonard Ezell
No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."		
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God.	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
Hymn of Reflection #171	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	WONDROUS LOVE
Sermon	<i>Salvation for the Informed</i>	Dr. Ezell
DEPART...TO SERVE		
*Hymn of Response #180	<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	REDHEAD
*Announcements		Dr. Ezell
*Benediction Hymn #518	<i>May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus</i>	GALILEE
May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God The communion of the Spirit, richly, bless and keep you all.		
*Postlude	<i>Psalms XX</i> Melvin Hale, organ	Benedetto Marcello

*The congregation is invited to stand.

ministry opportunities

Sunday, February 22

- 8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens
- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service
- 4:00 P Belles et Beaux
- 5:00 P Youth

Tuesday, February 24

- 9:30 A Yoga
- 10:00 A Quilting

Wednesday, February 25

- 10:00 A *God Said What?* New session begins
- 10:15 A OMG Breakfast at Le Madeleine's
- 6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

- 10:00 A *God Said What?*

Friday, February 27

- 9:30 A Yoga

Sunday, March 1

- 8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens
- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service
- 3:30 P Church Council Meeting, Common Grounds Cafe
- 5:00 P Youth

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STAFF

Dr. Leonard Ezell, *Senior Pastor*
Bobby Rayburn, *Associate Pastor of Young Families*
Dr. Alissa Rowe, *Director of Music and Worship*
Felicia Mullen, *Business Manager*
Katie Gilley, *Administrative Assistant*
Melvin Hale, *Organist*

Affinity Groups...We have started to get groups for Affinity Groups. So far We have a Cooking with Bobby, our Average Church Band (David Mullen), cyber security (Jeff Patton), basic sign language (Janelle Teekel), genealogy (Jim Findley), and embroidery (Katie Gilley). If any of these interest you, sign up on sheets outside the sanctuary or in the church office.

Southeast Ministries...Our neighborhood food bank appreciates gifts of basic hygiene items, including bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant.

Bible Studies...*"God Said What?!" Wrestling with Cruelty, Violence, and Vengeance in the Old Testament"*

An honest approach to negative images of God. Thursdays 10-11 AM in Church Conference Room
This Bible study is starting a second session on Wednesdays at 10 AM in Common Grounds Cafe

OMG Breakfast...Last Wednesdays of the Month at 10:15 AM at La Madeleine's on Jefferson. Gathering for men of the church.

Church Council Meeting...March 1, 3:30 P for committee chairpeople and church staff.

LLL Outing...Thursday, March 19. LLL going to St. Francisville to eat at THE FRANCIS. Leaving church at 11a.m. Lunch on your own. Sign up to ensure we have sufficient transportation. If you are willing to drive, let office know.

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