

CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 1:**

9:30a-Discovery Class (201\*)  
 9:30a-Discipleship Journey (203)  
 9:30a-Children’s Sunday School (205)  
 9:45a-Searchers Class (202\*)  
 9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)  
 9:45a-Unity Class (213)  
 9:45a-Youth Sunday School (WC)  
 11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)  
 12:30p-Staff Parish Relations (BCR)  
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)  
 4:00p-Chapel Bells (210)  
 4:30p-Tucker Acts (C)  
 5:00p-Sanctuary Bells (210)  
 5:15p Youth Group (WC)

**Monday, March 2:**

9:00a-Weekday Preschool  
 1:00p-Care Team (BCR)

**Tuesday, March 3:**

9:00a-Weekday Preschool  
 11:00a-Staff Meeting (BCR)  
 12:00p-Worship Team (J)  
 6:30p-Three Legacies Recovery Group (WC)  
 7:00p-ESOL

**Wednesday, March 4:**

9:00a-Weekday Preschool  
 9:30a-Three Legacies Recovery Group (WC)  
 5:00p-Women’s Lenten Study (203)  
 6:00p-Wednesday Night Supper

**Wednesday, March 4 continued:**

6:45p-United Methodist Men (AC)  
 7:00p-Women’s Drumming Group (WC)  
 7:30p-Chancel Choir (MC)

**Thursday, March 5:**

9:00a-Weekday Preschool  
 11:00a-GROW Coordinator Training (J)  
 6:30p-Three Legacies Recovery Group (WC)

**Friday, March 6:**

9:00a-Weekday Preschool  
 10:00a-Backpack Buddies (WC)

**Saturday, March 7:**

10:00a-Advent Hope Seventh Day  
 Adventist Church (C, J, CW)  
 10:30a-United Women in Faith (WC)

**Sunday, March 8:**

*Daylight Savings Time Begins*  
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(C) Chapel	(GR) Gathering Room	(CW) Children’s Wing
(J) Jenkin’s Hall	(BCR) Becker Conf. Room	(MC) Music Center
(S) Sanctuary	(WC) Wesley Center	(AC) Activities Center

PRAYER CONCERNS

Listed by Date Received

Nancy Lester  
 Josh Batchelder  
 Dawn Hines  
 Chan White  
 Winny Moss  
 Rev. Paul Yeun  
 Emily Mitchell  
 Linda Brooks  
 Julia Torbert  
 Dale Wasmer

Linda Visk  
 Walter Kelly  
 Ron Suddeth  
 Pamela Dobbs  
 Linda Wheeler  
 Shelly Thomas  
 Henry Wall  
 Donna Powell

Our Homebound Family

Charles Bannister  
 Ethel Bay  
 Sandra Emrich  
 Carole Fisher  
 Garnett Fisher  
 Marjorie Foster  
 Garnett Halstead  
 Pat Hicks  
 Gloria Jones  
 Jo Anne Maxwell

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte: Sinclair Allen & Wyatt Williams  
 AV Team: David Urda, Charles Keown, Stephanie Shanholtzer

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH 8, 2026

LECTIONARY READINGS  
 Exodus 17:1-7 | Psalm 95 | Romans 5:1-11 | John 4:5-42  
 SERMON SERIES READINGS  
 Psalm 32:1-11 | Luke 13:31-34

**Last Week’s Attendance**

**11:00 am In-Person Worship 127**  
**11:00 am Online Worship 34**

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United Methodist Church  
**TUCKERFIRST**

Sunday, March 1, 2026  
 2nd Sunday in Lent

**Church Mission:**

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

*For Lent, the altar visually reflects the season’s themes of repentance, wilderness, and preparation for renewal. A deep purple altar cloth to signify penitence. A burlap runner to evoke the wilderness and humility. A simple wooden cross at the center, and at the base, smooth river stones and a bowl of sand and cactus, all to represent the desert journey and trials of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert. Bare branches in a simple vase to represent barrenness and waiting.*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE *Kingsfold* Arr. Fedak  
 Dr. Soo Jin Kim, Organ

WELCOME & INVOCATION **Thayer Allen**

Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works.

**We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.**

Like Nicodemus, who met Jesus in the dark of night, we struggle to accept that new life is not just possible but given as a free gift of grace.

**We gather to bring our struggles into the light and embrace God’s grace with open arms.**

Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God’s promise of new life has always rested on grace.

**We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.**

Like the many who have followed, questioned, and grown in the faith, we submit ourselves to be formed by grace as we work out our salvation day by day.

**We gather as people guided by the promise of new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow.**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Vision Statement:**

*To be a church in connection with God, our community, and each other.*

**Tucker First United Methodist Church**  
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\*HYMN NO. 152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* Verses 1-2

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON NO. 12 **Rev. Owen Skinner**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done Your will,  
we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God. Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* Verse 3

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE **Nathan Frank**

As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness and love and peace through  
Christ, let us also share that grace among ourselves. Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT **Mimi Sanders**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 37:23-27 **Thayer Allen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Rev. Owen Skinner**

MINISTRY MOMENT **Rev. Owen Skinner**

OFFERTORY *Come Share This Feast of Love* Larson  
Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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.**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 55:1-9 **Rev. Owen Skinner**

SERMON *The High Way* **Rev. Owen Skinner**

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION NO. 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*All are invited to receive. We receive communion by intinction. Take the bread, dip it into the chalice, and partake. We have a station for gluten-free elements. If you need to be served in your pew, please let the ushers know*

*Come, Share the Lord* Leech  
Carolyn Davison, Soloist

\*HYMN NO. 624 *Bread of the World* Verse 1

\*BENEDICTION **Rev. Owen Skinner**

\*SENDING FORTH *Bread of the World* Verse 2

SERVICE NOTES/PRAYERS

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper!**

Gather with your church family Wednesday evenings from 6:00–6:45 pm in the Activities Center for a time of intentional, spirit-led fellowship around the table. Adult meals are just \$6 with advance reservations through Realm or by calling the church office. \$7 at the door. Best of all—children and youth eat FREE! Make Wednesday evenings at Tucker First a part of your family's rhythm and come be nourished in both body and spirit.

SPOTLIGHT

**Join the United Methodist Men on March 4**

All men are invited to gather for a time of fellowship with the United Methodist Men. We'll meet on **Wednesday, March 4, at 6:45 pm** in the Activities Center. Come for Wednesday Night Supper and stay to connect with other men in the church. For more information, contact Pastor Owen at [owen@tfumc.org](mailto:owen@tfumc.org). We hope to see you there!

**United Women in Faith Meets March 7**

Join us on **Saturday, March 7, at 10:30 am** in the Wesley Center for a time of connection, community, and delicious food. Bring a favorite brunch dish to share, and enjoy the chance to build friendships and to make a positive impact together. Please remember to bring Easter items collected for Wellroot children. We will assemble the baskets and make arrangements to deliver them to Wellroot. This gathering is open to all women in the church. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Shanholtzer at [sshanholtzer@tfumc.org](mailto:sshanholtzer@tfumc.org).

**Join Us for Pioneers – March 12**

You're invited to our next Pioneers gathering! Join us on **Thursday, March 12, at 11:30 am** in Jenkins Hall for lunch, fellowship, and a meaningful time together. This month, we're pleased to welcome Joye Cauthen, who will share her wonderful storytelling with the group. Lunch is \$10. Please RSVP to Carolyn Weir at 770-232-0176. We look forward to seeing you!

**Memorial Service for Roberta Schmidt**

Roberta Schmidt passed away last year at the remarkable age of 99. In honor of what would have been her 100th birthday on **March 13**, her daughter, Becky Burnett and family invite church and community friends to gather on Saturday, March 14 at Tucker First UMC. A brief memorial service will be held at **11:00 am** in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Gathering Room. All are welcome to come give thanks for Roberta's long and faithful life and to share in this time of remembrance and celebration.

**Mission Garden Seed Planting**

Our mission garden will soon be bursting with fresh vegetables to help feed neighbors facing food insecurity—but it all starts with planting the seeds! Farmer Neil invites you to join a fun seed-planting workday on **Saturday, March 14, from 2:00–4:00 pm** at the NETWorks greenhouse (4296 Cowan Road). There are hands-on tasks for all ages and abilities, and everyone is welcome. Sign up online or call the church office to be added to the volunteer list.

**Registration for Preschool is Now Open**

At Tucker First UMC Weekday Preschool, we joyfully welcome children ages 6 months through 4 years (Pre-K) into a loving, Christ-centered environment where little hearts and minds can flourish. Our program thoughtfully nurtures each child's emotional, spiritual, physical, academic, and social development, helping them grow with confidence, curiosity, and joy. Registration for the **2026–2027 school year** is now open—we would love for your family to be part of our preschool community! Contact Shirleta Lawrence at 678-325-4020 or [preschool@tfumc.org](mailto:preschool@tfumc.org) to schedule a tour, explore class options, and receive your registration link. We can't wait to welcome you!

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**Looking ahead to next Sunday, March 8:**

Sermon Series: The Way  
Luke 13:31-34 | "The Way Around"

**Wednesday Night Supper March 4**

*Melt-in-you-mouth Chicken, rice, roasted broccoli, squash casserole, kale salad, rolls, dessert*