

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026



**Manning United Methodist Church**

Rev. David D. McManus, Jr.

Pastor

Prelude

Call to Worship

+ Greeting:

Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!  
**God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**  
Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
**call upon him while he is near;**  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
**let them return to the Lord.**

+ Opening Prayer:

**Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

+ Hymn:                    “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”       UMH 127

+ Affirmation of Faith:       “The Apostles’ Creed”

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+ Gloria Patri:

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson:  
Children's Sermon

Psalm 95  
Pastor David

The Offering

Doxology

**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.**

Anthem: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**Morning Prayer (followed by 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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

+ Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH 156

+ Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

Sermon: "Yet Another "We Know"

+ Hymn: "Jesus Is All the World to Me" UMH 469

+ Benediction

+ Choral Benediction "Blessed be the tie" UMH 557

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like that above.*

+ The Postlude

+ *We stand as we are able*

**Church Information:**

PO Box 68 Manning, SC 29102

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We operate under an abuse prevention policy designed to help us protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults from harm.

**To Join:** feel free to speak with or contact the pastor should you wish to join with this congregation of Christ’s Church or have any other need.

**Nursery:** available to children 3 years and younger and located in the education building (follow the breezeway). The usher can direct you there.

**Giving Information:** You may make your offering with a credit card via [manningumc.com](http://manningumc.com) by aiming your smartphone camera at the QR Code. Gifts marked "Local" will only be used for the ministries and needs of the local church and will not be used to make apportionment payments.



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The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by our worship committee.

**Lectionary for March 15**

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As a response to God's love for us, the people of Manning UMC have a heart for giving and caring for others all year long. However, during Lent we especially think of God's gift to us of salvation and Christ's great sacrifice for us on the cross. Though unworthy, yet blessed by God's love, we are moved to respond. One way we do this is to contribute to a Lenten offering that helps support two of our Methodist missionaries in Ecuador, Sara Flores and her husband, Dakin Cook. Sara and Dakin told us about their work in Ecuador when they visited our congregation in 2024. They depend upon our Covenant Support to continue their work. When we hear of the struggles of the people in some of the South American countries, this mission becomes even more vital. As we prayerfully move through the 40 days of Lent leading toward Easter, please consider how you might respond to God's love through the Lenten Offering. Helene Ellis, Mission Chairperson

**Missions:** As we conclude the Souper Bowl of Caring this February, Let's focus on March! The Missions Committee would like your help in collecting toilet paper for United Ministries. Canned foods are always needed, but adding a toilet paper drive during the month of March will help United Ministries greatly. Thank you in advance for being such a caring church. The Mission Committee.

**Grief Support Group:** This MUMC group meets in the library every other Thursday at 1:00 PM. Please call Pat Terry, 803-460-8106 if you have any questions.

**TAX Prep:** Free Tax Preparation through AARP in the fellowship hall 9am-2pm Tuesdays in February and March. See Kelly for details.

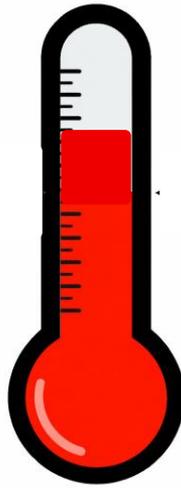
# Organ Fund

Amount Collected: \$22,919.00

Percentage toward \$38,000 goal:

60.31%

GOAL: \$38,000



In addition to your regular giving, would you consider making a gift to offset the purchase of a new-to-us organ? If so, please mark your gift with the word "organ."

Please remember the people below in your prayers. This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list, please call the church office and update us on their health.

Horace Browder, Jr.	Steve Gardner	Family of Ben Osborne
Jackie Chalfant	Brandon Herlong	Chris Polis
Larry Cramer	Lou Holladay	Tyler Roberts
Ann Cutter	Laura Kelley	Adam Salisbury
Jim Daniel, Jr.	Jeffrey Kemp	Sally Wilson
Carol Gavin	Wally Maynard	Kimberly Wyatt
Artie Felder	Jim Moore	
Ed Gamble	Karen Myers	

Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the **military**, or who have limited mobility:

Betty Black	William (Artie) Gamble	Neal Mahoney
Isabelle Brown	Woody Haynes	Joan Odom
George Clark	Bo King	Helene Patnode
June Davis	Maraget Lee	Margaret Robertson
Liz Denny	<b>Wilson Lepp</b>	Cliff Toner
<b>Cameron Dodge</b>		

**Honorarium Gifts:**

**Kimbo Richardson** given by: Cleve Dowell

**Ricci Aceret Castillo** Happy Birthday given by: Cona Tyson

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday March 8, 2026**

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30-11:30 am Nursery- Ansley Elmore & Colby Ridgeway

10:30 am Worship

3:00 pm Confirmation

7:30 pm Young Adult

### **Monday March 9, 2026**

12:00 pm Jane Craft Lenten Luncheon

### **Tuesday March 10, 2026**

9 am-2 pm AARP Tax Prep in Library

### **Wednesday March 11, 2026**

### **Thursday March 12, 2026**

### **Friday March 13, 2026**

### **Saturday March 14, 2026**

### **Sunday March 15, 2026**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

10:30 am Nursery- Vicki Ouzts & Linsy Wells

3:00 pm Confirmation

7:30 pm Young Adult

### **Monday March 16, 2026**

8 am – 12 pm MUMC Day School

12:00 pm United Methodist Men Lenten Luncheon