

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

+ Hymn: "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" UMH 616

+ 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:

Psalm 121

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: "In Remembrance"

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.

+ Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Sermon: "Out of the Womb of Darkness"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

+ Hymn: "Only Trust Him" UMH 337

+ 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:

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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 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 in honor of Myrtle Strange Circle for all their efforts in everything they do. Thank you!

Lectionary for March 8

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

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.

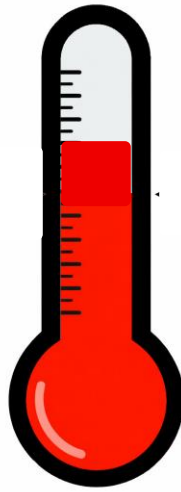
Organ Fund

Amount Collected: \$22,019.00

Percentage toward \$38,000 goal:

57.94%

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.

Family of Joe Brewer	Artie Felder	Family of Ben Osborne
Horace Browder, Jr.	Ed Gamble	Chris Polis
Jackie Chalfant	Brandon Herlong	Tyler Roberts
Larry Cramer	Lou Holladay	Adam Salisbury
Ann Cutter	Laura Kelley	Sally Wilson
Jim Daniel, Jr.	Wally Maynard	Kimberly Wyatt
Carol Gavin	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	Wilson Lepp	Cliff Toner
Cameron Dodge		

Memorial Gifts:

Ben Osborne given by: Winston & Genie Hodge

Rosella Daniels given by: Harry & Nancy Kirby, Tommy & Jane Benton,
Rock & Vicki Ouzts

Bud Johnson given by: Tommy & Jane Benton, Rock & Vicki Ouzts

O'Neil Ward given by: Rock & Vicki Ouzts

Brenda Clark given by: Rock & Vicki Ouzts

Church Calendar

Sunday March 1, 2026

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30-11:30 am Nursery- Stephanie Lockner & Jean Witt

10:30 am Worship

11:45 Myrtle Strange Lenten Luncheon set up fellowship hall

11:45 am -2:45 pm Directory Photos in Hallway

3:00 pm Confirmation

7:30 pm Young Adult

Monday March 2, 2026

12:00 pm Myrtle Strange Lenten Luncheon

Tuesday March 3, 2026

9 am-2 pm AARP Tax Prep in Library

Wednesday March 4, 2026

Thursday March 5, 2026

Friday March 6, 2026

Saturday March 7, 2026

Sunday March 8, 2026

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

10:30 am Nursery- Linsy Wells & Colby Ridgeway

3:00 pm Confirmation

7:30 pm Young Adult

Monday March 9, 2026

8 am – 12 pm MUMC Day School

12:00 pm Jane Craft Lenten Luncheon