

March 8, 2026

Pennies for Hunger: April 5
March Missions Offering:
Wycliffe Bible Translators
Jesse & Erin Atkinson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from www.alamancechurch.org.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in **March:** Wycliffe Bible Translators Jesse & Erin Atkinson.

KIDS ROCK: Regular meeting **tonight, 5-6:15p.** Program: *Kick the Can!* (unless the weather is bad, in which case stay for indoor recreation).

YOUTH GROUPS: YoCo **tonight, 3p.** Program: Greensboro Gargoyles game. Meet in parking lot to travel into town.

FAREWELL TO JESS: **Sun., Mar. 15** is the last day that the Rev. Jess Rigel will lead worship here as our Discipleship Pastor. **Immediately after worship that day,** come to Brown Fellowship Hall for a covered-dish luncheon. Bring your best salads, entrees, and side dishes — but no desserts. The church will provide vast quantities of cake.

MEN'S GROUP meets on the **third Tuesday of each month.** Next meeting is **Tues., Mar. 17.**

MEETS meets on **Fri., Mar. 20 at 7p,** at Oden Brewery (802 W. Gate City Blvd).

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month.** **Sat., Mar. 21** is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to help (336-362-0584).

STATED SESSION MEETING: Next meeting is **Sun., Mar. 22 at 2p** EDT; in the Bible Seekers' classroom.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Use the insert in today's bulletin packet to order geraniums for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. **Deadline to order is Mon., Mar. 23.**

EASTER EGG HUNT is on Palm Sunday, **Mar. 29, at 4p.** Start shopping for

candy now, to stuff into provided plastic eggs — get yours from the giant bin outside Joy Thomas' office! That's right: no need to buy plastic eggs this year. Candy? Yes.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE is **7p, Thurs., Apr. 2;** at Community in Christ Presbyterian Church. Communion will be served. Feet will be washed.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE is **7p, Fri., Apr. 3,** in the sanctuary.

EASTER SUNDAY is **Apr. 5.** Worship is at **10a.** Bring fresh flowers to adorn a cross on the front lawn.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months** at **11:30a,** in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Otherwise noted: Next meal is **Apr. 13, 2026.**

LADIES' TEA is **Sat., Apr. 25** in the Coble House. Search out your springtime bonnets and gloves, and stay tuned for more details about this annual event, as they become available!

SOUTHEAST GUILFORD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (SEGCF) invites you to a Derby Party on **Sat., May 2, from 5-10p** at the Moose Lodge. \$65 per ticket. See insert for more information.

NEW ELDERS: At a Called Congregational Meeting on March 1, the following were elected as Elders, Class of 2028: Tommy Causey, Frankie Forbis, Hank Gill, and Eileen Hogan. Nora Church was elected for a one-year term as Youth Elder.

Christian sympathy is expressed
to Becky Nelsen Brinkley,
at the recent death of her father.

Christian sympathy is expressed
to the family of John Burns,
at his death on February 24, 2026.

Christian sympathy is expressed
to the family of Carol Pratt Dail,
at her death on February 21, 2026.

Congratulations
to Jesse & Erin Atkinson,
at the birth of their son, Solomon;
on March 4, 2026.

Food Pantry
March special collection:
Peanut butter, jelly

The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible.

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL.
Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.

Do, please, continue to donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.

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Office hours: **8:30a-2:30p M-T-Th-F,**
8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday

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Questions & Answers with Kyle is a Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman. Class meets **most Sundays at 9a** in the Parlor (middle building, middle floor, beside the fire escape.) You are welcome to join at any time. Class is currently tackling the Beatitudes, from **Matthew 5.**

Read the Bible in Two Years
Bobbie Black leads this Sunday school class in the Uffman classroom from **9-9:30a** on the **first Sunday each month, unless otherwise noted.**

Otherwise noted: Next class will meet on **Sunday, April 12.**

OPEN MEETING:
12-step recovery program (AA) meets **7p every Thursday** in the Gathering Place. All are welcome.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Red Hat: Mon., Mar. 9, 6:30p in the Coble House.
Agapé: Tues., Mar. 10, 11a to go eat, **12p** in Uffman room for Bible study.
L.I.F.T.: Tues., Mar. 10, 7p in the Coble House.

ONLINE GIVING:
Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, *in addition* to a processing fee for each transaction. Easy Tithe recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations: this significantly lowers processing fees.

To give by text: Text the word "give" to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.
To make changes to your account, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org)



We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 10 a.m.



The rock at Meribah

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Doug Clapp.

Minute for Mission Wycliffe Bible Translators

Centering Music

*** Call to Worship**

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: We have come to give thanks
and to sing songs of praise!**

One: We are the people of God's pasture;
we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

All: We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!
One: Let us worship the God who provides!

*** Opening Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, friend of all, once again we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you; yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us. Amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Peace

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line, we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace. If you are here in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

* **Sung Response** *Lamb of God* Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading *Psalm 95*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* - arr. Jacob Dishman

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to Children's Church, for a time of worship designed especially for them.

Second Scripture Reading *Exodus 17:1-7*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message *Rocky Provision* Rev. Jess Rigel

Words of Reflection from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer King James Version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you,
even if they differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

* **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sending

* **Sending Hymn** *We've Come This Far by Faith* Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ. If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here.

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

*One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.

Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year A, Third Sunday in Lent, **March 8: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42.**

Lectionary Year A, Fourth Sunday in Lent, **March 15: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41.**



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We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action Congregation.

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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