

March 1, 2026

Pennies for Hunger: March 1

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. (See insert for more about their work.)

WE WELCOME EMILY CAUSEY today, as she speaks about the Montreat Conference Center. Stay after worship for light refreshments in the Gathering Place, and visit with her.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be **immediately after worship on Sun., Mar. 1.** Purpose of the meeting: To hear the report of the Officer Nominating Team; and electing Elders, Class of 2028. (If necessary, the meeting will be continued the following Sunday.)

KIDS ROCK: Regular meeting **tonight, 5-6:15p.** Drop off in sanctuary, pick up from Kids ROCK room. Program: pack Blessing Bags

YOUTH GROUPS: Regular meeting **tonight, 5-6:15p.** Program: pack Blessing Bags.

GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS uses Brown Fellowship Hall as a polling place for the **Tues., Mar. 3** federal primary election.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins at **2a** on **Sun., Mar. 8.** Turn your clocks ahead one hour — either at **2a**, or before you go to sleep on **Sat., Mar. 7.**

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 to honor her. Plan now to bring your best salads, entrees, and side dishes — but no desserts. The

church will provide enough cake for the multitudes.

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

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.**

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY is **Mar. 29.**

EASTER EGG HUNT is **Sun., 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**

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

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

336-697-0488

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.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 10 a.m.



Haran, the ancient center of the Sabians

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Andrew Clapp.

Minute for Mission

Montreat Conference Center

Emily Causey

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble.

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe, for we belong to God.

All: We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand. We lift our voices together in thanks and praise.

* Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe, and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will. 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 121*

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

Anthem *Mercy* - Craig Courtney

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Genesis 11:24-12:4a*

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

Message *Heading for Haran* Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection

 adapted from *The Confession of 1967, 9.21*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

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** *The Summons* 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.

Called Meeting of the Congregation Election of Officers

* 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, Second Sunday in Lent, **March 1: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; Matthew 17:1-9; John 3:1-17.**

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



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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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