

# 8:15 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 17, 2019

**The Gathering** Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

**Worship through Praise**

**Welcome & Announcements** Becky Wells

**Chat with the Children** Judy Krites

Children dismissed for AWE after chat

**Worship with Offering** Demond Johnson

**Scripture Lesson** Matthew 5:3-5

**The Message** **Series: Blessed...**  
When Meek Means What?  
Jana Thompson

**Song**

**Prayer**

**Benediction** Jana Thompson

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### Sunday Servants March 17, 2019

Nursery: Cindy Duvall Welcome Table: Becky Wells  
AWE: Ashley Osburn

**Title:** Blessed...When Meek Means What?

**Text:** Matthew 5:3-5

Definition of meek:

My take home point this week:

# 10:45 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 17, 2019

**Welcome & Moments of Sharing**

**Chancel Choir** *Come to the Water* J. Foley

Soloists: Sarah Wells, Jake Wilder

We invite you to take this time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship.

**Lighting of Altar Candles**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is our light and He saves us. Why should we fear anyone? The Lord is our place of safety. Why should we be afraid?

People: **Whenever we're overwhelmed by an enemy, we trust the Lord to make them stumble. We may feel surrounded by threats, but we will not fear, our Deliverer is coming.**

Leader: We come wanting one thing, to live in the house of our Lord, not just today, but every day. We come to see the beauty and wonder of our Lord.

People: **In time of trouble, our God protects us. Our God hides us in His tent and keeps us safe on His mighty Rock.**

Leader: Let's allow God to teach us His ways and empower us to walk in them.

People: **We will trust in the Lord! We'll be brave, strong, and confident in His presence and power.**

### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

**\*Hymn** *Only Trust Him* #337

**Opening Prayer: Gracious God, life has its ebb and flow, but one thing never changes. You always remain the same. As a faithful lover, your love never fails. Out of your love we came to life. By your love we are sustained. To your love we are always called. Through sadness and joy, through the mundane and extraordinary, through peace and guilt, through victories and failures - through it all - we have been embraced by your love. Let us not doubt or remove ourselves from your healing love and presence. Give us a courageous faith through it all. Amen.**

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Giving and Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings  
AWE—Alternative Worship Experience children dismissed at this time.

**Offertory** *Lenten Vocalise* S. Turner

**\*Response** #99

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

### WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

**Hand Bell Choir** *A Heavenly Hymn Ring* T. Waldrop

*The Unclouded Day, When We All Get to Heaven,  
When the Morning Comes*

**\*Scripture** Matthew 5:3-5

**Message** **Series: Blessed**  
**...When Meek Means What?**  
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### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

**Prayer Chorus** *Near to the Heart of God* Choir

Silent Moments with God

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

### WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

**\*Hymn** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* #581

**\*His Light into the World**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Blessed* T. Potts

**\*Indicates an Invitation to Stand**

### Participants in today's worship

Liturgist: Demond Johnson Acolyte: Aydreigh Hanicq & Ashlynn Shaffer

Organist: Scott Turner Nursery: Courtney Hurlless

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman 2-5 's: Abby Jackson & Brianna Bebout

Welcome Table: Linda Baum & Martha Balyeat

## 5TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**Schedule that will be followed:**  
 9:30 - 10:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 - 11:30 Worship  
 11:45 - lunch for congregation

## MARCH 31, 2019

**FUMC PRAYER CONCERNS** Family of Kim Owens, Evelyn Brown—broken hip, Harold Kreischer - health, Bob McOmber - back surgery, Everette Anderson - (Grandaughter of Andy Anderson) - Cerebral Palsy issues, Twig Fortescue (Katie Smelser Fortescue's Grandmother in Law) - cancer, Jason Hoffman - health, Bella Hurlless - rehab, Linda Jeknovorian - health, Clark King - heart, Food Pantry Coordinator position.

Please see the long term prayer list in the Friendly Visitor for other prayer needs or check the website under the pull down menu "newsletters" @www.vanwertfirst.net.

**Military:** Caleb Kreischer, Evan Wells, Bryan Zinsmaster, Connor Gordon, Noah Sease, Nick Gutierrez, Ben Scheidt, Gerald Christobaker, Geff Gehrllich.

**Missionaries & Ministries:** Stephen Ministry, Stand for Truth Ministry, Jeanne & Gaston Ntambo, Mission of Hope - Haiti.

**Don't Forget!**

**Wednesdays - 12:05pm through April 17**

*Join us*

in Krout Memorial for meditation, singing & Holy Communion



**LENT**  
A TIME TO PREPARE

A light lunch will be served each Wednesday at 12:30pm

*Bring a friend and prepare your heart to experience the Holy!*

**Easter flowers!** You are invited and encouraged to participate in this floral offering. This year you will have the choice of a lily, tulips (yellow, purple, pink, or red) or daffodils.

**Please turn in with your check no later than March 24, 2019**

I/We will give \_\_\_\_\_Easter Lilies at \$10.00 each.

I/We will give \_\_\_\_\_Daffodil plants at \$8.00 each.

I/We will give \_\_\_\_\_Tulip plants at \$8.00 each.

**Choose color below.**

\_\_\_\_\_Purple \_\_\_\_\_Pink \_\_\_\_\_Yellow \_\_\_\_\_Red

In **Memory** of \_\_\_\_\_

To the glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

# UP COMING EVENTS

Sunday, 3/17 <b>Youth Mulch Sale! Order blanks at each entrance.</b>	8:15am 9:15 - 10:30am 10:45am 5:00 - 7:00	Blended Worship Donuts & Coffee - Krout Traditional Worship Youth— MS & HS HS meets @ Stollers
Monday, 3/18	1-3:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00-8:30pm	Food Pantry Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts Women's Bible Study M & M Life Group Embrace Membership Class
Tuesday, 3/19	10:30am 6:30pm	Prayer Group Sarah Group
Wednesday, 3/20 <b>Youth Mulch Sale! Order blanks at each entrance.</b>	8:00am <b>Noon</b> 1-3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm	Men's Bible Study <b>Lenten Lunch, Communion &amp; Meditation</b> Food Pantry Women of the Word <b>FEAST Meal: Baked spaghetti, garlic toast, peas &amp; carrots, hot dogs, salad bar, desserts</b> Seekers Lifetree Cafe Handbells Choir Practice
Thursday, 3/21	8:00am 6:30pm	Clay Pots Praise Band
Friday, 3/22	10-Noon 6:00pm	Food Pantry Bread N Bowl



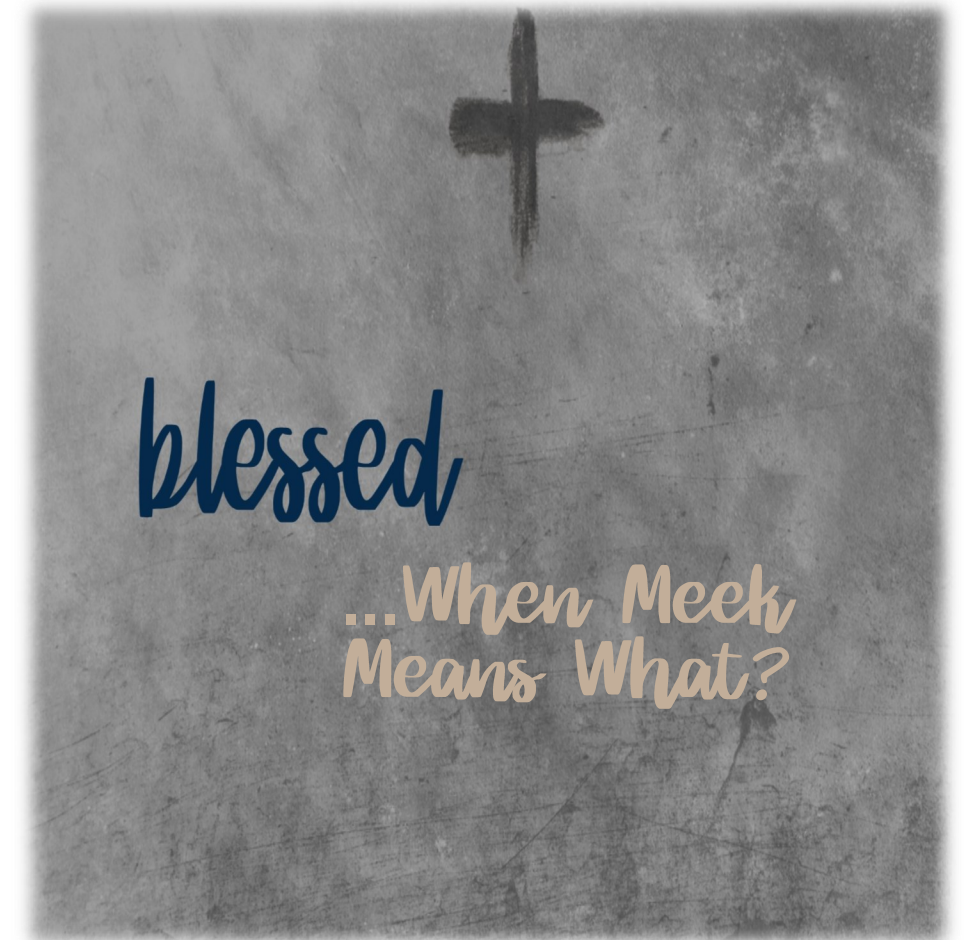
The Rose on the Altar recognizes the birth of **Kenzley Sophia Stevens** March 5, 2019  
Parents: Adam & Taylor Stevens  
Grandparents: Ed & Vicki Stevens  
Great Grandparent: Karen Workman

The altar flowers today celebrate **Marlee Pierce's 5th Birthday**  
Given by Cheryl & Jeff Kopp



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**Jana Thompson, Speaker**

**March 17, 2019**

**Our Vision Statement:**

**Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus**

**Thanks for joining us today!** If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.