

Lenten Study, *The Walk* February 21-March 28

In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life. In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

We will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m., in the ministry center. This is the study we began at Lent last year but had to suspend. Some of you already have the book. If you would like to participate but do not have the book, please ask Pastor Elaine to order one for you.

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Church Directory

Gina is working on updating the church directory. If you have had any changes to your address, phone number, cell phone number or email within 2020 let her know. Please have updates turned in by January 31.

Meeting Notices

- The SPRC will be meeting on Monday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- The Administrative Board will be meeting on Tuesday, January 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

OFFERING

JANUARY 17, 2021

Received Towards Budget \$1,840.00

Needed offering per week: \$3,480.32

PRAYER PAGE

As you pray this week please remember:

*Gerri Pierce; Vickie Hughes; Vicki Linderman; Roger Sizemore (Jean Keirse's Brother); Dale Byington; Mary Risner's Sister; Erika Bellamy; Debbie Allen; Dawne Arrington; **The Family of Clamon Barrett (friend of Margie Barrett)***

*Names on the prayer list will remain there for a month.
To keep a name on the prayer list after a month, please contact the church office.*

First United Methodist Church



Surgoinsville, Tennessee

JANUARY 24, 2021

Welcome to worship! We are glad that you are with us today. May this service of worship be a blessing to you. In all that we do in this hour together, we pray that God will be glorified.

Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Psalter

Psalm 103:1-18

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.
As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Hymn

Offering Our Prayers and Gifts to God

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offering

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of the church. You can place your offering in the basket in the narthex or mail it to P.O. Box 134, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, ATTN: Jean Keirse.

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.

The Word

Anthem

Scripture

Luke 10:29-37

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Elaine Ruth

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?”

Sending Forth

Hymn

*Benediction

**indicates standing as you are able*



They are simple phrases. They sound Christian – like something you might even find in the Bible: Everything happens for a reason; God helps those who help themselves; God won't give you more than you can handle; and God said it, I believe it, that settles it.

We have all heard these words; maybe we have said them. They capture some element of truth – yet they also miss the point in very important ways. Join us as we search for the whole truth in our upcoming sermon series, "Half Truths."

Jan. 31: God Won't Give You More than You Can Handle?
Feb. 7: God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It?