

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



**March 5, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
*Communion*

Summerville Presbyterian Church  
**585-342-4242**

**Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation**

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor  
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Mary Keller - Office Manager  
Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance  
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**WELCOME.** We are a compassionate Christian community fostering a personal connection with God for people of all ages and expressing God's love through worship, education, mission, music and fellowship.

We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here to join in worship and service. If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign the pew pad.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary.

**MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE?** Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

**Rev. Mouser can be reached** by cell at 519-5280,  
or by email at [pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org](mailto:pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org)

***Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Wednesdays from 1-3  
Please call ahead.***

***Office Hours : Monday and Wednesday, 8:30-4:30, Thursday, 8:30-noon***

**GREETER:** THE CAINES

**USHER:** JIM VERNI

**BANK BAG:** RUTH MCNAMARA

**To arrange transportation for next Sunday, March 12th,** please call Joyce Stiffler at 663-7462 before noon on Saturday, March 11th.

Join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship.  
Your host is Betsy Stryker.



## Order of Worship

\*those who are able, please stand

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #5** ( red– Rejoice Hymnal )

DIX

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE**

**CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE**

*Loving God, today we begin our Lenten adventure, a time of anticipation and wonder, yet always overshadowed by the reality of the cross. We come to this season hoping that we might hear again in the stories of scripture truths about your love for your people, and find ourselves renewed in faith. Amen*

**PRELUDE** “Prelude in E Minor”

CHOPIN

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

DOUG CAINE

One: Come into the wilderness. Come to this place away from the world.

**All: We come to find ourselves ever more in the presence of God.**

One: Come, as Jesus did, and rest a while.

**All: When we rest, we find ourselves refreshed and renewed.**

One: Come, knowing that wilderness is not a place to be feared, but a place to be enjoyed.

**All: We come to find ourselves in this place.**

One: Come into this sacred place, and let us worship God.

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

DOUG CAINE

The psalmist tells us that the One whose voice can knock trees to the ground listens to our hesitant prayers which speak about how we have hurt others, as well as God. Join me, as we pray to the One who will bless us with peace and forgiveness.

## PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

Doug CAINE

Jesus was challenged to turn stones into bread. He was invited to take the easy way out, and he chose not to do that. When are we tempted to take shortcuts, at the expense of others, or at the risk of injustice, or in the knowledge that it is against God's will?

Jesus was challenged to throw himself off a high place, trusting that God would rescue him and prevent him from coming to harm. When we do tempt fate, or place ourselves in harmful and difficult positions, trusting simply that God will rescue us?

Jesus was offered all the kingdoms of the world if he would but turn from God, and worship the tempter. When are we tempted to turn away from God, to turn towards ourselves, and worship our own success?

### *Silent Reflection*

*O God, forgive us and guide us to live our lives remembering we do not live by bread alone, but every word spoken by you; remembering that we are not to test you and that we are to worship you alone.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

One: Know that, just as Jesus resisted the temptations that came to him in the wilderness, so God will help us resist temptations if we turn to God in honesty and openness. Do so, and know that you are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**    Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-13

DOUG CAINE

**ANTHEM** "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee"

ARRANGED BY K. LEE SCOTT

1) Out of the depths I cry to thee,  
Lord, my sins bewailing, my sins bewailing!

Bow down Thy gracious ear to me,  
Make thou my prayer availing, my prayer availing.

2) Mark not my misdeeds in Thy book,  
Gracious Lord, most holy;  
On my sins in mercy look;  
Who can stand before thee?

3) Hear my prayer, Hear my cry,  
Hear my supplication.  
Thou my hope, Thou my light,  
Thou my soul's deliverance.

4) With Thee there is forgiveness, Lord,  
Love and grace abounding, and grace  
abounding.

The greatest thought or deed or word  
Were else but empty sounding, but  
empty sounding,

5) All who in Thy sight appear  
Come in sinful measure;  
All before thee bow in fear  
Seeking thy good pleasure.

6) Hear my prayer, Hear my cry,  
Hear my supplication.  
Thou my hope, Thou my light,  
Thou my soul's deliverance.

**WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD'S PRAYER**

SUE SMITH

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Matthew 4:1-11

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**SERMON** "Choices, Choices, Consequences "

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**\*HYMN #2105** (blue-Sing the Faith)  
"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

EBENEZER

## **CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

### **Invitation**

Hear the words of Jesus, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. No one who comes to me will I cast out. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Come to table where the promises of Christ are kept in bread and wine.

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

As we journey through Lent, O God, we recognize the strangeness of this time. We are aware that we approach Good Friday with its ominous sense of emptiness, its foreboding nature of death and endings. Yet we are also aware that we approach Easter Sunday and the unbridled celebration of your power over death and ability to bring life into even the most hopeless places.

**In a season of shadows, still your light shines.**

**In a season of bewilderment, still your light shines.**

**In a season of confusion, still your light shines.**

And so, in the strangeness of this season, we seek balance in this sacrament by remembering how Jesus shared our life in every way, and though tempted was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, Jesus went willingly to the cross and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you, O God, gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

We remember, O Lord of life, how Jesus, the very night he was betrayed to the authorities, gathered with some of his closest friends. As they were eating, Jesus took bread. He blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. "Eat this," he said. "And know that whenever you do this I will be with you." After supper, Jesus took a cup of wine. He blessed it, and shared it amongst his friends. "Drink this," he said. "And know that your sins are forgiven."

As we remember all your merciful acts, O God, we, removed from that night by vast measures of time and space, take this simple bread and this simple cup, and as we share them, we remember Jesus here, present with us, offering us light to lead us forward. Amen.

## Breaking Bread, Pouring the Cup, Communion

### Prayer After Communion

**Guide us, O God, to be obedient to your call to love all your children, to do justice and show mercy and to live in peace with your whole creation. Lead us through the desert of life, quench our thirst with the living waters, satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven and give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection. Amen.**

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Take these gifts we offer, loving God, and use them for your work. Take our very selves – our hopes, our dreams, our plans, our wonderings – and use them, too, to make your world a better place. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #14** (red-Rejoice Hymnal)  
“This is My Father’s World”

TERRA BEATA

### \*BENEDICTION

### CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** “Prelude”

DELIUS

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**DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK:** As part of Jesus’ and our own spiritual journey, Jesus goes into the Spirit wilderness, where he’s tested. It’s during this time that Jesus chooses who he will be and whose he will be with his responses to the tempter’s suggestions. The decisions we face about how we live our lives today are no different. The choices we make about what will feed us and sustain us physically and spiritually can reflect God’s love in our lives. *Scriptures: Matthew 4:1-11, Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-18.*

# Children's Workshop

Communion on March 5



## Class in Memorial Lounge

**Teachers:** Mrs. Debbie Carter, Mrs. Janet Smith, and Mrs. Gretchen Spencer

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GARAGE SALE:** Save the dates: April 22nd: Set Up begins, April 28th and 29th: Garage Sale open to the public, April 29th at 2 pm: Clean UP

**May 6th: Spring Clean Up**



## March Mission Re-building Team

20-25 people from our Church will be going to Point Pleasant, NJ to help construct new buildings & repair buildings damaged from Hurricane Sandy.

### ***SUGGESTED ITEMS:***

Juice boxes and Sports drinks



Boxed Cookies, Sports bars and granola bars

Dried Fruits



Individual Chips bags and applesauce, puddings  
Plastic Utensils

Gas Gift Cards



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, March 5th

10:00 am

10:15 am

### *Communion & First Sunday of Lent*

Worship

Children's Worship

### Monday, March 6th

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

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SNS Board Meeting

Room 15

Room 3

Memorial Lounge

### Tuesday, March 7th

6:00 pm

Webelos

Room 14

### Wednesday, March 8th

5:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:45 pm

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

Wolf Den

Bell Choir

Troop 127

Troop 79

MPP

Choir

Room 10

Fellowship Hall

Room 14

Room 15

Memorial Lounge

Room 13

### Thursday, March 9th

12 noon

6:30 pm

Sarah Circle

Bear Den

Memorial Lounge

Room 14

### Saturday, March 11th

*turn clocks ahead*

### Next Sunday, March 12th

10:00 am

10:15 am

11:15 am

3-5 pm

Worship

Children's Workshop

Adult Forum FH

Mission Square Dance

Fellowship Hall





The band is ready and Margaret (their bass player) will be the caller.

Summerville Presbyterian Church 4547 St. Paul Blvd.

Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 5:00

No experience necessary/all ages welcome

Treats and Drinks Provided

\$5 per person – come and dance or come and watch and enjoy the  
music