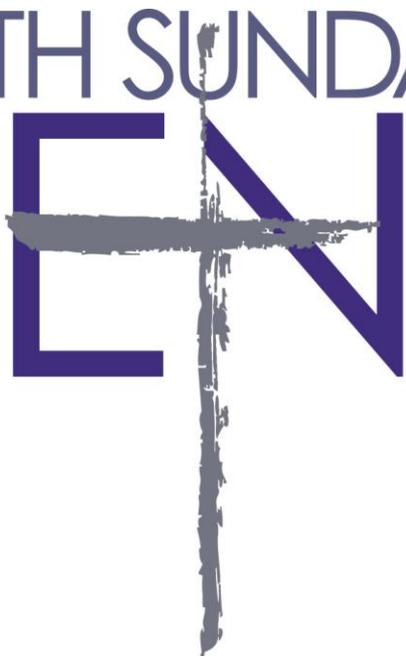


FIFTH SUNDAY^{IN}
LENT



**HIGHLANDS UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

APRIL 2, 2017

**5TH OF LENT –
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

"Jesus Wept"

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Jesus Wept."

John 11:35

**WELCOME TO
COMMUNION SUNDAY!**

God's people will be gathered today at the table of peace and grace.

Today is the 5th Sunday in the Season of Lent. Our worship continues a journey with Jesus and his followers towards Jerusalem, Holy Week and then Easter.

The Time of Preparation is provided for us to settle ourselves and offer a silent prayer before worship begins. Our music for preparation is a piano arrangement of "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley."

Our Service begins with a **WELCOME** to all who are gathered to worship together. We embrace the opportunity to share the good news of what we are doing outside of the sanctuary which is also our 'worship' and our 'service' to God.

Our "Call to Worship" leads into our first corporate prayer as the gathered body of Christ. The 'Gathering Prayer' reflects the themes of the day's worship.

Our first Hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory" which was written by the great 20th Century preacher, Harry Emerson Fosdick. "God of grace and God of glory" was written while the United States was in the throes of the Great Depression between the two World Wars. Fosdick was a champion of the social gospel, a movement that recognized the plight of the poor, as he served the Riverside Church in New York. The language of the hymn is ultimately that of petition. "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage" concludes each stanza with the effect of a refrain. A petition begins stanza three with "Cure thy children's warring madness,/ bend our pride to thy control." The final stanza, equally prophetic, begins with "Save us from weak resignation/ to the evils we deplore."

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Celebration of Worship

April 2, 2017 – 5th of Lent – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

"ENTER WITH REVERENCE TO WORSHIP GOD"

"Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper"

MUSIC AND TIME OF PREPARATION

((Enter reverently. Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another. We pray, seeking God's presence among us as we share the Lord's Supper.))

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND SHARING LIFE IN THE CHURCH

PRELUDE AND BRINGING THE LIGHT

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of the God of life,
the God of resurrection, The God of everlasting life.

In this Season of Lent, in this journey toward the cross:

God's Spirit fills us with new life like a valley of dry bones,
God calls us forth from our self imposed entombment of sin;
To new life in Christ our Lord.

Let us remember that we are forever in the presence of the God of life.
Come, let us worship.

*PRAYER OF APPROACH

In our worry and despair, for you, O God,
we wait...

For help from the Almighty,
we wait...

For your forgiveness, O Creator,
we wait...

For your help,
we wait...

For you to come and save your people,
we wait...

Be with us, Lord of all, in our waiting. Hear our 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 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."

*HYMN NO 420 "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"

*If comfortable, please stand

***PASSING THE PEACE** (Please Remain Standing)

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And with you.

(At this time you are invited to share a sign of peace: a hug, a handshake, a kiss...)

*CHORAL RESPONSE: (Hymn. No. 461, vs. 1)

**“God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.”**

"SEEK FORGIVENESS"

***CONFESSION AND PARDON (Responsively)**

Creator God, when we have sinned against you,
when we have wronged our neighbor,
when feel we have died within ourselves:

unbind us and set us free.

When we have bound the world to conflict,
when we have bound the world to pain,
when we have bound the world to loss:

unbind us and set us free.

When we have tied up freedom,
when we have tied up choice,
when we have tied up truth:

unbind us and set us free. Amen.

**Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us!
Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us!
Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us!**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus calls us from death into life, from the shadows into the day, from sin into forgiveness, from bondage into freedom. Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." In the name of Jesus Christ, be unbound from sin and be set free.

Thanks Be To God!

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"When Jesus Wept"

Billings

*"When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.
"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me."
Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly sin's wild deluge brave;
'Twill guide you to a better home, it points to glory o'er the grave."*

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

"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."

In our final 'gathering act' we "Pass the Peace" as an act of caring, welcome, and mutual love. In any language, the love of God is translated into peace as we join hands and hearts together. We are re-gathered as a worshiping community with a verse from the Hymn "God Is Here"

Corporate Confession:
In the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition, we do not offer individual confession save for that which we offer in our silent prayers. Our prayer today reminds us that we are not simply individuals but citizens of the world seeking the kingdom of God. Our prayer and the "Assurance of Forgiveness" echo themes present in our Epistle lesson for the day.

Today's Offertory Anthem reflects the Gospel for the day. "When Jesus Wept" describes the emotional mind of Jesus as he is moved at the death of his friend Lazarus. Jesus action, in raising Lazarus, foreshadows his own death and resurrection which follows.

Today's "Affirmation of Faith For Lent" was written by St. Columba, who was an Irish abbot and missionary credited with spreading Christianity in what is today Scotland, founding the important abbey on Iona in the 6th Century.

The 'heart' of our worship is "The Proclamation of God's Word."

(We use the 'common lectionary' which is a guide that assigns readings over a three-year cycle. God's people are given the opportunity to hear and read along God's Word from the Bible).

We stand for the reading of the gospel in a very old tradition of the church. In response to the Word read there is the 'preaching of the word for our living today.' This includes words for 'the young church' and all who gather.

(On Communion Sundays we invite the young church to remain with us. There is a nursery for the youngest of us.)

The remainder of the service is "**Sharing Our Response to God**" which is our opportunity to respond to the Word read, preached and heard. Which today also includes our gathering at the Table for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR LENT**

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen. (from St. Columba)

"THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(OT: p. 806)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:6-11

(NT: p. 157)

*John 11:1 ff

(NT: p. 104)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be To God!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

We will be receiving our "2 cents a meal" offering for JEMM (Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

"Jesus Wept"

"SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD"

***HYMN AS WE COME TO TABLE NO. 304 "Jesus Loves Me!"**

**1. Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The
Bible tells me so.**

**2. Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to Me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The
Bible tells me so.**

**3. Jesus weeps beside the tomb, wrestling with a sense of gloom;
'Come out,' from death he cries that day, and we know love has a way.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

**4. Jesus loves me still today, Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give Light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of tears be with you.

And also with you.

Offer your hearts to the One who calls us out of death into life.

Unbound, we bring our hearts to our God of new mornings.

People of God, sing songs to the One in whom we hope.

We rejoice in God, who dwells in our souls.

In that first moment, God of wonder, you cried out, 'Unbind creation and let her go!' and flowers grew in the cracks of chaos, blustery winds played talk through the forests, lambs leapfrogged one another in the meadows. Your hand came upon the dry dust of earth, and your Spirit breathed life into us. You longed for us to be with you, but we allowed sin and death to lead us around by the nose. You called to women and men, 'Prophesy!' urging them to call us back. But we did not believe their words. So you sent a certain man named Jesus, to cause new life to come upon us.

With those who have stood beside graves, and those who wait for signs of hope, we sing our praises to you:

(No. 581 Sung) **"Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest; Hosanna in the highest."**

You are holy, Caresser of our souls, and Jesus is our Child, our Friend. Seeing that those he loved were sick, he brought us healing. Finding us wandering in despair, he showed us that our hope need never turn to dust. Believing that you loved him, he went to the cross, for us. And when he was in death's cold arms, you stood at the door of the tomb, crying out, 'unbind him, and let him go!' and our Resurrection and our Life came forth for us. Believing that he is the One who calls us to new life, trusting that, by his tears, he takes away our pain, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

No. 582, Sung) "Dying, you destroyed our death; Rising, You restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory."

In the bread and the cup, you give life to us, as the Spirit comes to dwell in every room of our souls. You bless the bread, breaking it, so it might heal and strengthen us so we can say to the barren, 'here is your life;' to the despairing, 'here is your hope!' As the grace-filled cup nourishes us we would go into the world to visit those who are sick, to wait with the expectant, to share tears with

On the first Sunday of each month we are invited to gather at the table for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

"The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving" is shared from the table and acts as a 'blessing' or 'grace' as we gather. This prayer recounts God's gracious creative power, our sinfulness and Christ's coming to redeem us and make us whole.

The 'table' is not an altar for sacrifice, but a table upon which are symbols of Christ's body and blood given freely for us. We believe that Christ is the 'lamb of God' sacrificed for us once and for all on the cross.

The Words of Institution are a scriptural evidence of the sharing of the Lord's Supper in the very early church. "Instituted" means in this case to be established as the norm for future use. These words with some variation have been used throughout the history of the church to bring the present-day table into the context of Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

We are a 'communal' fellowship of believers, therefore we will receive and hold the elements and 'commune' (eat and then drink) together. As we wait, we will be offered concerns for our silent prayers.

We share our "Prayer of Dedication" as we acknowledge the presence of Christ in the meal and the spiritual nourishment offered us in the sacrament.

As we 'go into the world' we are charged and blessed with words of encouragement to take with us into our week ahead.

The 'Benediction' offers the final 'good words' said over God's people as they continue to worship in their living day by day.

After worship we invite you to our time of Fellowship in the Dining Hall. Join us!

the broken.

And when you call of us to your side, we will join Lazarus, Mary, Martha, and all our sisters and brothers in forever singing your praises,
(No. 584, Sung) **"Amen, Amen."**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

[As you remain in your seats, Elders will bring the elements to you. It is our tradition to receive the bread and say as you pass it, "The body of Christ, given for you." And likewise as you receive and pass the cup say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." We invite you to hold the elements, bread and then the cup. We commune together as the Pastor says, "Take and Eat..." and "Take and drink...".]

(In the tray the inner circles are wine and the outer circles are grape juice.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

"From the mountain top to the valley below, from our most exquisite moments, to our lowest moments, Loving God, you are the source of all blessing throughout this Lenten journey. We give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and a blessing to all the world, glorifying you in all things, as we travel together to Jerusalem, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

With great compassion Jesus introduces us to resurrection hope today;

Our faith emboldened we pledge to continue the journey.

In that faith, go from here making hope possible in the world around you;

Bringing the light of Christ in you to dispel darkness;

And give all the glory to God!

We go into the world, near and far, to love and serve the Lord!

***HYMN AFTER COMMUNION NO. 514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues..."**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

**"Lord, make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy,
Lord, make us more holy, Until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy, Until we meet again."**

* _ If comfortable, please stand

(Next Sunday our worship will begin in the courtyard where we gather for our parade of palms. Parents are reminded that our LOGOS and J.O.Y choirs are leading the service.)



HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS
 This Week at Highlands
 Week of April 2– April 8, 2017



This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/ JEMM Offering
	11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	PYC
Monday:	9:00 a.m.	Crafty Ladies
Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup and Study
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.	Wellness Series
		(Yoga at 10 a.m. & Adult Logos at 11 a.m.)
	4:00 p.m.	Logos
Thursday:	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Friday:	9:00 a.m.	Quilting and Sewing Group

“WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, AS CHRIST WELCOMES US!”

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU! We are so glad that you are here and worshipping with us this morning. We are privileged to have you with us and would invite you to a time of Fellowship in our Dining Hall after worship. Please do us a favor by signing the Friendship Register and mark appropriate boxes. There are also visitor cards in the pew racks. **FIRST TIME VISITORS – WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU! Thanks!**

MEMBERSHIP AT HIGHLANDS is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives and who wish to join in the worship and ministry of this church. The pastor or any member of the Session would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

A NURSERY IS PROVIDED IN THE FAMILY LIFE building for those who wish to have their children cared for during worship. Parents receive a 'silent pager' for peace of mind and will be paged in case of any need. Highlands takes great care in caring for your children.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR AGES 3 THROUGH 1ST grade is in the Family Life building after "A Time with the Young Church," except on Communion Sundays. A nursery is provided for infants through two years of age in the Family Life Center. Worship folders for young Highlands' worshipers can be found at the usher's stand. PARENTS please help your children with their worship experience. **WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN AT HIGHLANDS** and want to keep them safe! Please help us with this goal by ensuring that **all children are supervised by an adult while on the playground at all times.**

DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEARING ASSISTANCE AT THE USHER'S STAND.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TODAY IS FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT. Next Sunday we arrive in Jerusalem for a celebration of the 'triumphant entry' as Holy Week begins. Today is about foreshadowing the death and resurrection of Jesus in the story of Lazarus. Next Sunday our worship will begin in the courtyard where we gather for our parade of palms. Parents are reminded that our LOGOS and J.O.Y. choirs are leading the service.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS! CARRY A NAIL: Jesus invites us to take up our crosses and follow him. As a Lenten reminder to follow Jesus on this journey to Holy Week and Easter we invite you to wear a simple cross during the season. You may have your cross from last year, but if you do not have a cross to wear please take a 'cross' from the basket and wear it or carry it during these Lenten days. We are also providing a 'nail' if you would like to carry one during Lent as a symbol of Jesus' sacrifice. When we come on Good Friday night we will use our crosses and nails as a part of our Good Friday "Tenebrae" observance.

OUR LENTEN 'SOUP AND STUDY' WILL CONTINUE on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Please join us as we study, "Returning Home: Lent in Conversation With Other Faiths."

OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: **Palm Sunday** (April 9) with worship at 10 a.m. **Maundy Thursday** (April 13) with a supper service at 6:30 p.m. **Good Friday** (April 14) with our "Tenebrae" Service at 8 p.m. **Easter Sunday** (April 16) with our 'Early Easter' Service led by J.O.Y. at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast and our 'Easter Sunday Celebration' at 10 a.m. followed by a special time of Fellowship. Please make plans now to be with us.

LOGOS THIS WEEK! This week's theme is "Palms to the Cross". You are invited to wear something purple and bring a friend. Come join the fun on Wednesdays! Wellness and Adult Logos begin at 10:00 a.m./ Afternoon Logos is at 4:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW ELDERS: We have selected the Class of 2019 to serve as Elders: Clara Whitaker, Pete Loerop, Charlie Obedia, and Alan Robbins. Gibson Grimm has been elected as a 'youth Elder' and added to the class of 2017. We appreciate the willingness of these to serve the church. The Class of 2016 who are our 'outgoing' Session members are Erika Connor, Charles Goodyear and Dennis Kleppen, A date for the Ordination and Installation of the Elders elect will be announced soon.

HIGHLANDS PRECIOUS GIFTS PRESCHOOL IS ENROLLING for the Fall 2017 school year ages 15 months to 4 years old. We are excited to be an outreach of all the great Mission work at Highlands. Providing for a community of children on the campus of Highlands, you truly know God's blessings. Stop by for a tour and meet the staff anytime Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 6:00pm. Tell your family, friends and neighbors about our great pre-school.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP PREPARE THE WEEKLY DEPOSIT? We are looking for a volunteer (or two) to help prepare the weekly deposit for the church. Training is provided and it would only require a little bit of your time on Sunday or Monday. If you are interested, please call the church office at 641-9622.

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE



IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR EASTER LILIES! Please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thanks.

CALLING ALL EGG HUNTERS! Our Annual Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 9th following fellowship. We hope that all children ages birth to 5th grade will join us for the fun! In order to make this a memorable Highlands activity, we are collecting donations to fill our eggs. Both candy and non-candy items (stickers, stamps, etc.) can be placed in the large tub labeled "Egg Hunt" in the Dining Hall. If you'd also like to donate plastic eggs, those would be greatly appreciated as well.

MICAH'S VOLUNTEERS ARE PACKING, PACKING, PACKING!!! 52 kids!!! We never thought we would need more instant oatmeal or granola bars, but we are low. Your support and encouragement is wonderful.

THANKS AGAIN for all your support for the **Highlands Baby Shower Mission Project**. Our goal was 20 gift bags and we were recently able to meet that goal. We are already working on our next twenty gift bags, can you help? Thanks Again!!!

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES: ACS needs the following items: toothpaste – **critical need**, powdered milk, canned milk, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, peanut butter, jelly- HUPC's specialty, and toilet tissue. Eight jars of jelly were collected this week. Every grocery order going out of ACS has a jar of HUPC jelly!

YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE IS LOOKING for a few items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance kits. They are in **desperate need** of 16 X 26-inch hand towels. They also need nail clippers but no nail files now. Thanks for your continued love and support of this very basic and much needed program.

THANKS FOR YOUR EXCELLENT SUPPORT OF HAITI!!! 30 sponsored children mean sustaining care for the children and staff of the Grace of Mercy orphanage in Haiti. Please remember your monthly pledge and **BE SURE YOUR CHECKS ARE MARKED "SPONSOR FOR HAITI CHILDREN"** to ensure the money goes into the right account.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND TODAY'S SERVICE

SPECIAL PRAYERS: PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Bill and Nancy Thomas' grandson (Thanks for the prayers!), Johnny; JoAn Ewing, Don Hall (Home), Jo Carmichael, Bill Byers, Nancy Hoot, Marilyn Reed, Al Hummel, Bill Duval, Pat Strader, Cathy Pate's son, Hank Greene, Rufus Taylor's brother, Earl Fouraker, Fay Sweeney (9960 Atrium Way, Unit 529, 32225), Linda Youmans (c/o Teri Grimm, 4206 Harbour Island Dr. 32225), Kit Fink, Kenneth Moon, and Bruce and Annette Marley, Justin Marley (grandson), Randy R. and his family, Louise Keen is now residing at Brookdale Southside (9601 Southbrook Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32256). Jacob Loerop's email is Jacob.loerop@CVN68.navy.mil, Jacob's address is IT3 Loerop, Jacob CVN 68 USS Nimitz Unit 100103 Box 1771 FPO AP 96620. Joey Guckenberger's email address is joeybsa@yahoo.com. Joey's address is ETSN Guckenberger, Joseph, CVN 71 USS Theodore Roosevelt, Unit 100250 Box 2078, FPO Appreciate 96632-5020. Amelia Powell's address is: AT2 Powell, Amelia N., VAQ-140, Unit 200107 Box 142, FPO AP 96601. Amelia's email address is: amelia.powell@cvw7.navy.mil.

PRAYER BEARS: Prayer Bears and Caring Critters are available in the Fellowship Hall after each service.

MEMBER CARE: Nancy Moewe is our Prayer Ministry Contact. Nancy's information is: Email: nmoewe48@gmail.com. Her cell phone number is 904-707-8064. Email requests can be sent directly to Nancy, but please also call her or the church office if it is an emergency request. As always, prayer requests can be made as well by completing the gray slips in the church pews, calling the church office, using the church website (hupcjax.org under "Contact Us") or by notifying your Shepherd.

FAMILIES WE ARE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK: The Sorrells Family, Kendall and Carolyn Starkweather and Vic and Betty Stewart.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE: Greeters: Richard and Nancy Marsh. Nursery Attendant: Erika Conner. .