



Hawfields  
Presbyterian  
Church

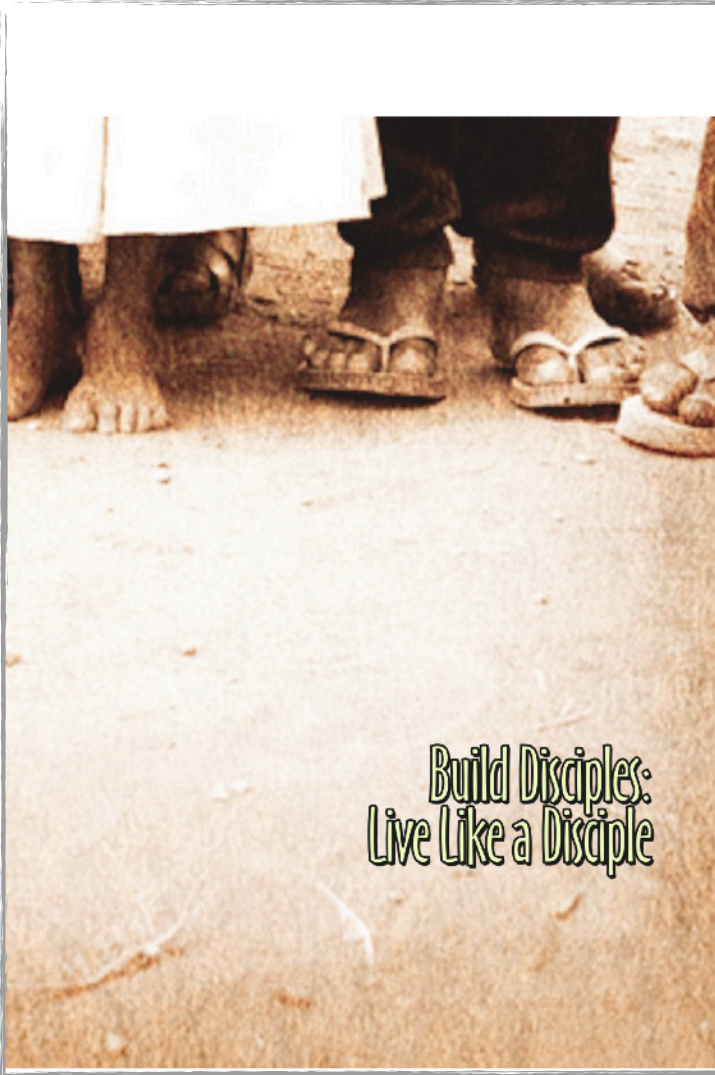
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10AM & 6PM

Build Disciples • First Sunday in Lent • March 9, 2025



Build Disciples:  
Live Like a Disciple

**Matthew 28:16-20; John 13:35;  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-24  
“Live like a Disciple”**

Being a disciple means living that kind of life.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal  
GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

### CHORAL INTROIT

"Jesus, We Are Here"

GTG #392

### PRELUDE "When In Our Music God Is Glorified"

arr: Lloyd Larson

### OPENING SENTENCE

#### JOHN 13:35 (CEB)

[Jesus said,] "This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SONG OF GATHERING

"Make Me a Servant"

CEL #669

**Make me a servant,  
humble and meek;  
Lord, let me lift up  
those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart  
always be:**

**Make me a servant,  
make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called on Hawfields Presbyterian Church  
**to share Jesus Christ**  
to grow in faith

**to build disciples**

Let us answer God's call

**in the ways we choose to live**

#### SING

"When In Our Music God Is Glorified" GTG #641

Let us begin with silent prayer...

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, your standards are high  
but within reach. Forgive us when  
we won't reach. Your will is plain  
and easy to engage. Forgive us when  
we complicate it. Your love is the  
defining characteristic of your Spirit  
and activity with us. Forgive us when  
we choose to be known by other  
stuff. You give us multiple chances  
to get it right. You give us time for**

**which we didn't ask, strengths we  
sometimes won't use, wisdom we  
won't heed. Forgive us when we  
reject your gifts. May we come to  
reflect your generosity as  
enthusiastically as we receive it.  
Thank you for listening, God. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God's love can change everything, even the  
power of our sins over us. And it is God's will that  
we have this power:*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

#### SING

"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning.  
It is now and ever shall be  
world without end: Amen, amen.**

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*The Word of God doesn't just inform: it reveals.  
The Word of God doesn't just tell us the truth, it  
empowers us to live our true path. The Word of  
God, by God's own Spirit, teaches us to live. Let  
us be open to this gift of God and ask for help  
to understand. Let us pray...*

#### PRAY/SING

"Lead Me, Lord"

CEL #695

**Lead me, Lord,  
Lead me in Your righteousness;  
Make Your way plain before my face.**

*Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and  
our ongoing place in God's story...*

#### READ: Matthew 28:16-20 (CEB)

*The Great Commission.*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

**READ: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 (CEB)**  
*The Christian Life.*

<sup>12</sup> Brothers and sisters, we ask you to respect those who are working with you, leading you, and instructing you. <sup>13</sup> Think of them highly with love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. <sup>14</sup> Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always. <sup>17</sup> Pray continually. <sup>18</sup> Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Don't suppress the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, <sup>21</sup> but examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. <sup>22</sup> Avoid every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. <sup>24</sup> The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

*One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** "Hold Up"

**ANTHEM** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"  
arr. Lloyd Larson; Duet: Noah and Lora Melton

**SERMON** "Live like a Disciple"  
Rev. David Ealy

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**SING** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"  
GTG #729

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY**  
"Create In Me a Clean Heart" arr. Mary Lynn Lightfoot

**DOXOLOGY**  
**Praise God,**  
**from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below**  
**Praise God, above heavenly hosts**  
**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**BLESSING**  
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*One:* The Lord be with you.  
**All: and also with you.**

*Let us pray...*

"Come, Bring Your Burdens to God" GTG #851  
**Come, bring your burdens to God;**  
**Come, bring your burdens to God;**  
**Come, bring your burdens to God,**  
**For Jesus will never say no. (2X)**

**...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.**

**SONG OF SENDING**  
"We Are One in the Spirit" GTG #300

**SENDING & BENEDICTION**  
Let us say together the Benediction...  
**Being a disciple means living that**  
**kind of life.**

**SING**  
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" GTG #700  
**I'm gonna live so God can use me,**  
**Anywhere, Lord, any time!**  
**I'm gonna live so God can use me,**  
**Anywhere, Lord, any time! (2X)**

**POSTLUDE**  
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Tom Fettle



## PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- Staff of the month: Jennifer Vicinanza
- Rev. Gerald Brown—blood clots
- Kathryn Byrd—breast cancer diagnosis (Lora Melton's aunt)
- James Ealy, Sr.—health concerns
- Butch Isley—health concerns
- Kathy Lee—recovering well from shoulder surgery
- Tom Maddry—cancer (Tammy Neese's stepfather)
- Mebane Presbyterian Church
- Shelby Perry—cancer on leg (Tammy Neese's mother)
- Helen Thomas—upcoming back surgery
- Carol Thompson is now at Compass Health, Room #A-9
- Barry Turner—injured back after a fall
- Wildfires in NC/SC

### Our prayers continue for:

Cindy Atkins, Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Harriett Covington (under hospice care), Susan Loy (Alamance House), Joe McAdams, Josephine Minor, Kevin Monroe (Alamance Health Care), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Room, #A-9), and Pat Webster



## THE 2025 SESSION



# Changing the World

One of the express goals of God's Kingdom-building is to change the world. And it's not just to get things back to factory settings, their original working order. If the Book of Revelation is any guide, we're shooting for something new—albeit, recognizable, but new.

And trying to take in everything that's going on, it all feels too big, overwhelming. Food/water insecurity is a scourge and a by-product of human greed. Food/water insecurity should not exist: because there's more than enough to go around. But how do we really end hunger? Political strife has been with us since the Garden and political violence since the first children even though God provided everything they needed. Political strife and violence should not exist. But how do we address politics in real ways and in ways consistent with God's will? Our human habits can be bad to just plain evil: isolation, envy, lust, selfishness, willfulness, stubbornness. We aren't just bulls in the china shop, we sometimes knock down the entire block of stores.

As I watched the meeting in the oval office between our President and others and the President of Ukraine, I found myself realizing in the exchange a shift in our world politics. My heart was full of questions about what comes next and whether anything I do really has any impact. Whether my faith really matters.

I believe that may at least be part of why someone asked me if these are the "End Times." They asked whether the players, even President Trump himself, might be the AntiChrist or harbingers of the Apocalypse. Whether the events in the Middle East, especially with Israel, are signaling the end of history as we know it. With all due respect to my colleagues and theologians in many parts of the world (and history), Jesus' very plain command is helpful: be ready.

It's not that the questions don't matter. Of course they do. But what matters more is what we're studying this season of Lent: the life of a disciple. What matters is that we are trying to live that disciple-kind of life. If we're doing that, y'all, it simply doesn't matter WHEN the Apocalypse happens: we'll be ready. What can we really know about the End Times? Nothing. No one knows, Jesus says. What we DO know is that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. It's here. It's now.

So how do I answer the problem of world hunger? I feed whom I can. How do I deal with the politics of my day? I act in my capacity as a citizen: serve where I can, speak up when necessary and love my neighbors. I address the ills of this world by making shalom—everything being set right—my personal mission. All of this in service to changing the world by paying attention to the one thing I truly can change: myself. God is changing me. And as that transformation happens, the world changes: what I see, what I hear, what I feel, what I know, what I do.

And so, this season of Lent and beyond, allow God to change the world by making room for God to truly change you. Open yourself, really open yourself, to the idea that there is room for improvement in you, places for growth. Then improve. Then grow. Don't just talk about it. Don't just give up chocolate or social media for a few weeks. Give up whatever is holding you back from a disciple's life and embrace the very grace of God that is transforming you.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ONE STEP AT A TIME

We all have different paths. While this may be obvious, it becomes apparent that our penchant to judge comes from a place that forgets about that. Though every path is different there is one universal truth: everyone takes their path one step at a time. What are the steps God has placed before you? As you enter into the season of Lent consider the steps you will take this season and even this year. And don't just consider where you might be going, consider who, what, when, where and how you are stepping. What are you teaching others about faith in Christ from the way you are walking your path?

## QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

As you prepare for Worship, consider the following questions:

- What are the limits on what you can do as a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- What do you have left to learn as a disciple? What are you doing to learn it?
- What could someone learn about being a disciple from observing your life?
- Can building disciples happen at a distance or must you be close?

## BUILDING DISCIPLES

Classically, the Gospel of Matthew ends with the charge from Jesus to "make disciples." That we are partners with God in the building of the Kingdom. Our church motto ends with this notion. How in the world do we do that? During the season of Lent, we are exploring that question and the practical application of the Gospel in our lives and for the lives of others. Look for the study materials on our website and Facebook page.

## COMPASS COMMUNION SERVICE

On Sunday, **March 9th**, we are hosting our worship service with Communion at Compass Health and Rehabilitation. We can use your help to make it happen! We need folks to prepare the Communion elements, to gather residents who need assistance, to help residents during the service, and getting folks back in place. We meet at the door closest to the Chapel (facing the front, the door to the right end of the building) at 1:30pm.

## PRAYER CHAINS

Do keep up with your Prayer Chain kit! When done, we will collect your chains and use them to adorn our worship spaces with the prayers of our community.

## CIRCLE #2 AND CIRCLE #3

- Circle #2 will meet this Monday, **March 10th** at 2:00 PM in the Parlor.
  - Circle #3 will meet this Tuesday, **March 11th** at 7:00 PM in the parlor.
- All women are invited to join us!

## HAWFIELDS BUSY BEES

Busy Bees have started meeting again on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Education Bldg., Rooms 16 & 17, crafting all sorts of fun things. Anyone is welcome to join us!

## EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED

The Hawfields Youth Group will once again be hiding Easter Eggs at the homes of our church children! We need the following items to help us make this event wonderful for all the children. Please see the display in the vestibule to let us know how you can help!

- 8 stuffed bunnies
- 16 Easter themed puzzles (no more than 100 pieces)
- 17 bottles of bubbles
- 10 gift bags with handles
- 300 pieces of candy

We DO NOT need any plastic Easter Eggs. The Youth Group will be filling the eggs with candy on **March 21st**. All other items are needed by **April 6th**. Thanks for your help!

## BLOOD DRIVE

Hawfields Presbyterian Church will host a Blood Drive on **Saturday, March 29th**, in the Fellowship Hall from 9 AM-2:30 PM. Blood is a constant need, so if you are able, please make an appointment to donate by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code Hawfields. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## MISSION YARD SALE HELP

The Community Life Committee has scheduled our annual Missions Yard Sale for **April 4th** and **5th**. As you begin your Spring cleaning, please bring your donations to our yard sale work room located upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. If you need assistance with getting large items to church, please contact Danny Thompson. (We are not collecting clothing but we do appreciate shoes and accessories.)

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Hawfields Youth Group would like to bring an Easter Egg Hunt to your house! On Sunday, April 13th between 12 PM and 2PM, members of the youth group will come to your house and hide eggs in your yard for your kiddos to find. Please let Mandy know if this time frame does not work for you and we will try to find another time. If you want us to hide the eggs somewhere other than your home address, please let her know that also! Please let her know by **Tuesday, April 8th** if you would like for your children to be included in this event. We have done this for a few years and are looking forward to continuing this fun tradition!

## TENEBRAE SERVICE

After an incredible Christmas cantata which celebrated the birth of our Lord, we invite you to experience something quite the opposite on **Friday, April 18th**. The choir will lead us through a Tenebrae service meant to encapsulate the anguish and grief associated with the crucifixion of Christ. The Good Friday Cantata entitled "*When Darkness Comes*" will begin at 7:00 PM. During the service, candles will be extinguished to represent the darkness and accompanying shadows that will consume the earth that day. The presentation will feature five songs coupled with a narrative retelling some of the events that led to Calvary, all of which pave the way for an incredible, jubilant resurrection story. We hope you join us as we reflect on the Passion of the Christ.

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Applications for the following scholarships are available in the church office:

- Henry A. & Margaret W. Scott Education Scholarship
- George S., Sr. & Ruth McPherson Bason Education Scholarship
- Paul H. Smith, Jr. Scholarship
- R.A. Jr. and Jean White Evans ACC Scholarship

Please return completed application to the church office no later than **May 8th**. For more information, contact Eva Covington or Jimmy Evans.

## MANNA MARKET NEEDS

The following are the non-perishable items needed for Manna Market: mixed veggies, canned potatoes, canned corn, pork & beans, diced tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, pasta noodles, jar spaghetti sauce, canned kidney beans, canned black beans, peanut butter, oatmeal, grits, mac and cheese, jam/jellies, canned tuna, canned chicken, Jiffy corn bread, pancake mix and syrup, Raman noodles, pop tarts, and saltines. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 AM ..... Youth Sunday School  
9:15 AM ..... Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)  
10:00 AM ..... Traditional Worship Service  
1:30 PM ..... Communion @ Compass Health  
6:00 PM ..... Faith @ Night Service

### MONDAY, MARCH 10

2:00 PM ..... Circle #2 (Parlor)  
7:00 PM ..... "The Chosen" Bible Study

### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

11:00 AM ..... Staff Meeting & Prayer  
7:00 PM ..... Boy Scout Meeting (F. Hall)  
7:00 PM ..... Circle #3 (Parlor)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 AM ..... Busy Bees  
1:30 PM ..... Hawfields Dulcimers (F. Hall)  
6:30 PM ..... Narcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

6:30 PM ..... AA Meeting (Fleming Room)  
7:00 PM ..... Spiritual Life Committee Meeting

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 AM ..... Walking Group (church track)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 AM ..... Youth Sunday School  
9:15 AM ..... Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)  
10:00 AM ..... Traditional Worship Service  
11:00 AM ..... Youth—Lunch & Prayer Workshop  
3:00 PM ..... Girl Scouts  
5:00 PM ..... Hawfields Community Meal  
6:00 PM ..... Faith @ Night Service

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### BY THE NUMBERS 3/3/25

Giving Budget 2024.....\$346,202.00  
**Gen. Fund YTD .....\$46,748.71**  
Needed monthly .....\$28,850.17  
**G.F. Month to date .....\$3,827.00**  
Needed weekly .....\$6,657.73  
**Last week .....\$3,827.00**  
Building Fund .....\$150.00  
Youth .....\$200.00  
Helping Hands Balance.....\$377.01

### WAYS TO GIVE

In our church, we give in a number of ways. We give of our time through service and mission. We give of our prayers. We give financially through the tithing box in the worship space entrance, mail, online and at the church office. We give of ourselves where ever we are.