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Is brightness in
you a choice or
circumstantial?



Fourth Weekend in Lent • Lamp • March 15, 2026

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
“How Do We See?”

How we see takes illumination of all kinds.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal
GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

OPENING SENTENCE

Ephesians 5:8 (CEB)

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

“What Wondrous Love Is This” GTG #215, v.4

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
and through eternity I’ll sing on

PRELUDE

arr. Sandra Eithun

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s light shines in the darkness

God’s light reveals what must be known

God’s light opens our understanding

God’s light shows what is possible

God’s light exposes our failings

and highlights our celebrations

All of that and more is why

God’s light must shine in and through us

SING

GTG #775

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

God Who Shines, we kid ourselves when we say we have no light in us. We have you. We kid ourselves when we say we have no darkness in us. We have strayed from you. We sit with all the ways it feels like we live in a shroud, under the cover of the misdeeds of others, of our own misdeeds. And yet, God you maintain hope that your light will yet shine in us. Help us share those hopes. Help us believe that dream and live into. No matter how dark things may become. No matter how forlorn we may become. As the season of Lent unfolds, may your Spirit alone light our path. 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

God’s Word is a gift. And good gifts are meant to be opened. Our hearts and minds are gifts. And good gifts are meant to be opened. God offers to help us open our presents by God’s own Spirit. Let us take God up on that offer and ask for help to understand. Let us pray...

PRAY/SING

GTG #455

“Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken”

Listen to the word that God has spoken;

Listen to the One who is close at hand;

Listen to the voice that began creation;

Listen even if you don’t understand. (x2)

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

READ: Ephesians 5:8-14 (CEB)

Call to be children of light.

⁸You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light.⁹ Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth.¹⁰ Therefore, test everything to see what’s pleasing to the Lord,¹¹ and don’t participate in the unfruitful actions of darkness. Instead, you should reveal the truth about them.¹² It’s embarrassing to even talk about what certain persons do in secret.¹³ But everything exposed to the light is revealed by the light.¹⁴ Everything that is revealed by the light is light. Therefore, it says, Wake up, sleeper! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

READ: John 9:1-41 (CEB)

Lesson of a blind man and a blind community.

¹ As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth.² Jesus’ disciples asked, “Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?”³ Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God’s mighty works might be displayed in him.”⁴ While it’s daytime, we must do the works of him who sent

me. Night is coming when no one can work.

⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man’s eyes. ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (this word means sent). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see. ⁸ The man’s neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?”

⁹ Some said, “It is,” and others said, “No, it’s someone who looks like him.” But the man said, “Yes, it’s me!” ¹⁰ So they asked him, “How are you now able to see?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.’” ¹² They asked, “Where is this man?” He replied, “I don’t know.” ¹³ Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man’s eyes on a Sabbath day. ¹⁵ So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. The man told them, “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see.”

¹⁶ Some Pharisees said, “This man isn’t from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law.” Others said, “How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?” So they were divided. ¹⁷ Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: “What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?” He replied, “He’s a prophet.” Conflict over the healing ¹⁸ The Jewish leaders didn’t believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents.

¹⁹ The Jewish leaders asked them, “Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. ²¹ But we don’t know how he now sees, and we don’t know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He’s old enough to speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue.

²³ That’s why his parents said, “He’s old enough. Ask him.” ²⁴ Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ The man answered, “I don’t know whether he’s a sinner. Here’s what I do know: I was blind and now I see.” ²⁶ They questioned him: “What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?” ²⁷ He replied, “I already told you, and you didn’t listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?” ²⁸ They insulted him: “You are his disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don’t know where this man is from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “This is incredible! You don’t know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! ³¹ We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and does God’s will. ³² No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. ³³ If this man wasn’t from God, he couldn’t do this.”

³⁴ They responded, “You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?” Then they expelled him. ³⁵ Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, “Do you believe in the Human One?” ³⁶ He answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.” ³⁷ Jesus said, “You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you.” ³⁸ The man said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshipped Jesus. ³⁹ Jesus said, “I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don’t see can see and those who see will become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked, “Surely we aren’t blind, are we?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you wouldn’t have any sin, but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

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 “Lighthouse”

ANTHEM “Sinner Man”
arr. Roger Emerson

SERMON “How Do We See?”
Rev. David Ealy

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SING GTG #415
“Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy”

OFFERING & OFFERTORY
“I Need Thee Every Hour” arr. Cindy Berry

DOXOLOGY
**Praise God from whom
all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye 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...

“Jesus, Remember Me” GTG #227

**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom. (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 GTG #839
"Blessed Assurance"

SENDING & BENEDICTION

Let us say together the Benediction...

**How we see takes illumination of
all kinds.**

SING "God Lights Our Way"
(to the tune for "God Is So Good")

**God lights our way
God lights our way
God lights our way
To fulfill God's dreams**

POSTLUDE

"At the Cross"
arr. Cindy Berry

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:



- **Jan Lynn**
- **Vicky MacLean**
- **Greg & Caroline Massey**

Be sure to check out our Linking Lives

Podcast Link:

<https://hawfieldschurch.org/linking-lives-podcast>

Greg & Caroline Massey

Caroline has been a lifelong member at Hawfields. Greg started attending in 1996 and joined in 2011. Both have been Elders several times. Greg is currently an active Elder and serves as the church treasurer. Caroline is the chairperson of the Spiritual Life Committee. Both have been attending the Faith@Night (Hawfields Alive) service since it began in 2001 and enjoy helping with the technical, behind the scenes, aspects of the service.

Greg is retired from the City of Mebane Fire Department and is currently the Coordinator and School Director of Fire and Rescue Training at Alamance Community College. Caroline has her own interior design business, Blue Sky Design, where she enjoys helping people make their homes more functional and beautiful.

When not working or at church they enjoy spending time with their family, grandson's baseball tournaments, going to the beach and watching UNC basketball.

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: Danny Yancey
- Emily Barrett Baker—breast cancer diagnosis (sister of Debby Ferrell)
- Emily Johnson—new health concerns
- Hawfields Presbyterian congregation
- Emma Henkel—health concerns (Christy Bailey's mom)
- Michaela—health concerns
- Hayden Lee—preemie born to Josh and Laney Lee (great-grandson of Bonnie Mitchell)
- Susan Loy—moved to White Oak Manor
- Tom Rich—recovering well at home
- Allison Riddle—recovering from oral surgery
- Dwayne Straughan—recovering from foot surgery
- Jeremiah Straughan—special prayer request
- War in Iran
- Wayne—health concerns
- Erin Westbrook—cancer has returned (Nanette's nephew's wife)

Our prayers continue for:

Cindy Atkins, Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Susan Loy (White Oak Manor), Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor, Rm #306), Betty Sykes (Compass Health Rm #A19), Helen Thomas (Brookdale Senior Living, #67), and Pat Webster



LENT

"Light for the Path"

Do you have enough light to see your path? Are you traveling light enough to conserve your strength? Are you moved and moving? Well, with our theme for Lent we want to answer all of that and more. In preparation for the season of Lent and our theme, "Light for the Journey", we're in need of a few items if you have them to share. First, we still need mirrors of all shapes and sizes. Please mark the back of your mirror with your name and phone number if you share one with us. *As you encounter them in our worship spaces, take 2-3 minutes to consider what GOD sees in you.*

The second thing we need are your thoughts! As you are willing to share, take 5 minutes to gaze at yourself in the mirror (set a timer!) and then write a paragraph of what you think you see in the reflection. Your reflections can, of course, be anonymous and we won't share them without your express permission. Your submissions can come by emailing the church office, texting the pastor, or putting it in an envelope and placing that in an offering plate or giving box. We'll receive these throughout Lent.

EASTER LILY

On Easter Sunday, the Presbyterian Women will place an Easter Lily at each service. If you wish to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please submit your donation and the name of who you would like to dedicate it to in the offering plate designated for Easter Lily or deliver it to Jennifer in the office. An insert will be included in the bulletin on Easter Morning, listing all memorials. Checks should be made payable to Hawfields Presbyterian Women, with Easter Lily noted in the memo section. Submissions will be accepted until March 29th.

THE 2026 SESSION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERY PRESENT BRIGHTNESS

We have loads of images for the idea of brightness that have nothing to do with photons. Gaining knowledge, getting an idea, figuring something out, just plain feeling happy. A smile can be bright. An action can brighten someone's day (or life). A word can bring brighten an outlook. We haven't even talked about flashlights or candles yet. In all of this brightness, we talk about Jesus being the light of the world. The world. But what is it that Jesus is here to illuminate? What is it that Jesus is meant to brighten? Not to put too fine a point on it, Jesus is here to brighten people. Us. All of us. As you move through this fourth week in Lent, what is it that God means to brighten in you? What piece of knowledge, what aspect of hope, what awareness of your neighbors' needs are you meant to not just know but to creatively address out of the gifts God has placed with you? In what ways is the light of God meant to shine through you? Given how you were made, what part of God's spectrum can shine only through you? What darkness remains if you don't shine?

QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Given how you were made, what part of God's spectrum can shine only through you?
- What darkness remains if you don't shine?
- Is brightness in you a choice or circumstantial?
- Which light do you need for your journey of faith: more illumination or less weight?

ATTENTION: ALL SHEPHERDS!

There will be Shepherd training on Sunday, **March 15th** at 1:30 PM in the Session room. All Shepherds are asked to attend and the training usually lasts about an hour or so. Also, anyone that is interested in serving as a Shepherd, you

are more than welcome to come and join. We appreciate all of those that serve as a Shepherd - what a blessing you are to our church family. Thank you to each and everyone of you. Hope to see you on March 15th.

BUSY BEES SALE

The Busy Bees are having a sale after both church services on Sunday, **March 15th**, in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and check out all the amazing things they've been working on!

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

We're seeking some volunteers to lend a hand in our nursery! If interested, please use the link below to sign up or reach out to Mandy.

Sunday, March 15th:

AM: 1 - _____
PM: 1 - _____
2 - _____

Sunday, March 22nd:

AM: 1 - _____
PM: 1 - _____
2 - _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Pat and Faye Neese as they recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary!

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

If you're available to help provide meals for youth group meetings this spring, sign up by entering the link in your browser. Some of our favorite meals include chicken nuggets, pizza, Bojangles, taco bar, and subs.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49AEA82EABFA7-62596950-spring>

BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, **March 28th** from 9:30AM-2:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

To make an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Hawfields. If you would rather make appointment by phone, please contact the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.



YOUTH EASTER EGG

The Hawfields Youth Group will be hiding Easter Eggs at the homes of the children in our congregation on **March 29th**. We would love to have donations of candy to put in the eggs and 13 stuffed bunnies. If you are able to help with this project please contact Mandy Ealy (hawfieldsdce@gmail.com or 336.524.1235).

"SHADOWS"

Our Good Friday service will center around a cantata: "Shadows." It is a sustained reflection on the passion and death of Jesus of Nazareth. As we hold this funeral service for Christ, let our common mission be two-fold. First, bring who you can with you to celebrate the life and death of Jesus. Second, be prepared to be drawn into the candlelight, the readings, the rituals, and, of course, the music.

MISSION YARD SALE

Our annual Mission Yard Sale is scheduled for **Friday, April 24th** and **Saturday, April 25th**. Please bring your donations to the yard sale work room on the second floor of the Fellowship Hall. Please reach out to Carol Phillips or Sandy Muller to set up a time for dropping off items after church office hours. If you have large items to pick up, please contact Carol Phillips. Your donations are appreciated

and really help make our sale a success!

AN ADDITIONAL WAY TO SUPPORT THE MUSIC

You can support our music program by participating in any of the choirs or the worship team, helping with logistics, hosting out of town guests, keeping up with your tithes and now by also contributing to a savings account devoted to supporting other aspects of the music program. Things like guest musicians, extra music scores, equipment, even water bottles.

SCOUT DISCOUNT CARD

The Scouts are selling Discount Cards to help fund their way for camp programs. Cards are only \$10 and are good through the end of the year! See any Scout or Leader to purchase one now through mid-May.



THE WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:00 AMYouth Sunday School
- 9:15 AMCoffee & Treats (F. Hall)
- 10:00 AMTraditional Worship Service
- 1:30 PMShepherd Training (Rm. 15)
- 2:00 PMYouth—“Wizard of Oz” Show
- 3:00 PMGirl Scout Meeting
- 5:00 PMLinking Lives Recording
- 5:00 PMHawfields Community Meal
- 6:00 PMFaith @ Night Service

MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 7:00 PMBible Study: “The Gospels”

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- 11:00 AMStaff Meeting & Prayer
- 4:00 PMManna Market @ First Baptist
- 7:00 PMBoy Scouts Meeting (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 10:00 AMBusy Bees Workshop
- 1:30 PMHawfields Dulcimers
- 5:30 PMLinking Lives Prayer Chat
- 6:30 PMChoir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PMConfirmation Class (Library)
- 6:30 PMNarcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:00 AMCoffee & Prayer @ Habit Coffee
- 10:00 AMCommunity Life Meeting
- 6:30 PMAA Meeting (Fleming)
- 7:00 PMSpiritual Life Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 12:00 PMDanny Thompson Memorial Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- 9:00 AMWalking Group (church track)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- 9:00 AMYouth Sunday School
- 9:15 AMCoffee & Treats (F. Hall)
- 10:00 AMTraditional Worship Service
- 1:00 PMYouth—Roller Skating
- 6:00 PMFaith @ Night Service

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BY THE NUMBERS _____ 3/8/26

Giving Budget 2026.....\$356,447.00

Gen. Fund YTD\$37,215.00

Needed monthly\$29,703.92

G.F. Month to Date.....\$6,849.00

Needed weekly\$6,854.75

Gen. Fund Last Week\$2,635.00

Building Fund\$10.00

Youth\$10.00

Helping Hands Balance.....\$750.00

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.