

**Hearing enhancement devices are available in the sanctuary in the lobby.*

**Walkers and canes are also available in the Sanctuary Lobby.*

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Arr. Penny Rodriguez

Call to worship:

Call: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

Response: We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Call: Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

Response: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

Call: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

Response: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

Call: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

Response: We gather as God's family in worship today, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

~adapted from Thom Shuman's Call to worship.

Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

UMH 340

Children's Moment

Morning Prayer

We will conclude this prayer by reciting "The Lord's Prayer." If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you are invited to follow along up on the screens.

Offertory Prayer

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Home
by Heather Sorenson

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4: 1-24

Message

Estrangement from Family, Part Two
Rev. Matt Bridges

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

The Servant Song

TFWS 2222

Benediction

Postlude

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
Arr. Penny Rodriguez

Reflection Questions

-How might you be feeling estranged from the Body of Christ, the Church? In General? In Particular?

-What can you do make a reconnection, or a new connection, with the church?

(Second Family, contd.)

Why Volunteers Matter

The ministry can only flourish through the compassion and presence of volunteers. Many in our congregation long for connection—someone to talk with, someone to help them get to an appointment, someone to remind them they are remembered and loved. A few hours can transform someone's week. Volunteering with Second Family Ministry is not about doing "big" things. It's about small, steady acts of care that build trust and friendship. It's about living out our calling to love one another in practical, joyful ways. You are not expected to provide every service. If you are willing to provide rides to appointments, that's great! You are willing to shop for a Care Partner when you shop for yourself, terrific! There are many ways to serve in this ministry.

A Ministry of Presence, Not Perfection

You don't need special training—just a willingness to show up, listen, and share life with someone who needs a friend. Volunteers often discover that they receive as much as they give: deeper relationships, renewed purpose, and the joy of making a real difference. If you feel a nudge to serve in a way that is relational, meaningful, and deeply needed, Second Family Ministry is a beautiful place to begin.

Puttin' It on the Radar:

Palm Sunday BBQ Potluck!

Sunday, March 29th at 11:00am

We are looking for three people or so to cook brisket or ham. Do you have some awesome BBQ skills you want to share with the congregation? St. John's will reimburse for all meat purchased. We will not have fellowship time or Sunday School that day. Instead, we will have coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall before the lunch.

St. John's "Second Family" Ministry

What is Second Family Ministry?

Second Family Ministry strengthens the heart of our congregation by surrounding those who are no longer as independent with steady friendship, practical help, and a sense of belonging. At its core, the ministry ensures that no one in our church family walks through life alone—especially at times when everyday tasks or social connections become harder to maintain.

What Second Family Ministry Provides

Care Partners are matched with a Care Circle—a small group of volunteers who offer consistent presence and support. Together with the Second Family Care Coordinator, they help ensure each Care Partner receives the right blend of companionship, practical assistance, and connection to additional resources when needed.

Volunteers offer meaningful, relationship-building support, such as:

- **Home visits or phone calls** that bring conversation and companionship.
- **Celebrating special moments**—birthdays, holidays, and milestones that deserve to be remembered.
- **Outings to local shops or community spots**, helping Care Partners stay engaged with the world around them.
- Transportation to essential appointments, including medical, dental, and pharmacy visits.

The Care Coordinator conducts initial home visits, assesses needs, and connects families with additional resources when appropriate. This ensures each Care Partner receives thoughtful, individualized support.

Mon. Mar. 16, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm Monthly Men's Dinner, Tortilla Flats
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

Tues. Mar. 17, 2026

8:00 am-12:30 pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
3:00 pm Zia Singers Choir Rehearsal, Gathering Room
4:00 pm-6:30pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
6:00 pm Alcoholics' Anonymous, Men and Women Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Bell Room
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

Wed. Mar. 18, 2026

12:00 pm Soul Break, Sanctuary
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
1:00 pm Women's Book Study
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thurs. Mar. 19, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm AA Men's Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Library
6:00 pm ALANON Women's Group, Bell Room

Fri. Mar. 20, 2026

9:00 am AA Parlor
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sat. Mar. 21, 2026

Sun. Mar. 22, 2026

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel
10:45 am Sunday School
Nephesh adult class: Choir Room.
Sunday Seminar adult class: Bell Room
Community adult class: Parlor
2:00 pm Scout Troop 53 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

*Lent
Week 4
Estrangement
From Family,
part 2*

