

February 23, 2025

Pennies for Hunger: March 2

**February Special Missions Offering:
Wycliffe Bible Translators
Jesse & Erin Atkinson**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from www.alamancechurch.org.

ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation of Alamance Presbyterian Church is **immediately after worship on Sun., Feb. 23**. Purpose: to receive the 2025 budget; and to consider changes to the Calls of the pastors.

COVERED-DISH MEAL is **today, Sun., Feb. 23** after the Annual Meeting, in Brown Fellowship Hall. Today is Rebecca Pugh's last day as pianist here. Stay for lunch, and to bid her a fond farewell.

STATED SESSION MEETING is **today, Sun., Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.** in the Bible Seekers classroom. The Session is the governing body of our congregation.

KIDS R.O.C.K.: **Tonight, Feb. 23, 5-6:15p:** Meet in Brown Fellowship Hall for *Paint, Parents, and Popcorn*. Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom fellowship group is for grades 2-5.

YOUTH GROUPS: **Tonight, Feb. 23, 5-6:15p:** Meet in Brown Fellowship Hall for *Paint, Parents, and Popcorn*.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months at 11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Next event: **Mon., Mar. 3**.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER: **Tues., Mar. 4, 6-7:30p** in Brown Hall. Cost: **\$10** for adults, **\$5** for children under age 12, **\$25** for families of five or more — for all that you can stand to eat. There will be pancakes, syrup, sausage, juice, coffee, and festive jollity. There will not be bacon.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mardi Gras pancake supper is **Tues., Mar. 4**.

First day of Lent is Ash Wednesday: **Wed., Mar. 5**. Potters' House meal is **Sat., Mar. 15**. Book Sale is **May 9-11**. Vacation Bible School is **July 6-10**.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins at **2 a.m. on Sun., Mar. 9**. Adjust your timepieces accordingly.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Mar. 15** is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to offer your assistance.

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST AND LIFT CIRCLE host a joint used-book sale fundraiser **May 9-11**. Start collecting books now to donate. Don't bring them to church until **after April 15**.

CHURCH NURSERY location is now in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up to spend an hour or two on any given Sunday, tending the nursery (Children's Ministries Volunteer). Contact Dana Adams to request a background check, if you've not already passed one. (dana@alamancechurch.org).

ALAMANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT offers barbecue for \$12 a container. All proceeds go to help Western NC. Pick up from the station **anytime** (4108 Presbyterian Road).

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) invites women to join them at **7p on the third Tues. of each month**, in the Coble House. This Presbyterian Women Circle is a small-group fellowship, offering hospitality and uplifting others in the community. Sherri Frazier is contact for this group.

No one from this church will **EVER** email you, phone you, or message you to ask you to send gift cards. This form of request is a scam. Do not respond to these requests.

Food Pantry
February special collection:
Canned pasta
March special collection:
Peanut butter and jelly

The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families a week. Your contributions of food, money, and volunteer hours make this vital mission to our local community possible. Thank you.
VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.

Give us your clean, dry, plastic bags. (We have more than enough egg cartons now. Please, no more!)

Questions & Answers with Kyle

This Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman, meets **every Sunday at 9a** in the Parlor. You are welcome to join at any time.

Read the Bible in Two Years

This new Sunday school class meets in the Uffman classroom from **9-9:30a** on the **first Sunday of each month**. Bobbie Black leads. **Next class is on Sunday, March 2**.

ONLINE GIVING:

Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, *in addition* to a processing fee for each transaction. Easy Tithe recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations: this makes processing fees significantly lower.

To give by text: Text the word "give" to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.

To make changes to your account, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org)

The Men's Group meets at **6:30p** on the **third Tuesday of each month** (unless otherwise noted). Next meeting is on **Tues., Mar. 18**.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Red Hat: Mon., Mar. 10, 6:30p in the Coble House.

Agapé: Tues., Mar. 11, 11a go out and eat; **12:30p** in Uffman room for Bible study and business meeting.

L.I.F.T.: Tues., Mar. 11, 7p in the Coble House.

Inserts in today's bulletin:

Song sheet, with hymns and sung responses.

Wycliffe Bible Translators: Special Missions collection for **February**.

Questions with Kyle: Sunday school class schedule for **Feb./mid-March**.

Mardi Gras meal invitation.

Book Sale in May.

OPEN MEETING: 12-step recovery program (AA); **7p every Thursday** in the Gathering Place. All are welcome.

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We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Jared Gill.

Centering Music

Assurance

- arr. J.B. Taylor

* Call to Worship

One: The way of Christ turns the world upside down.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: It moves us beyond retribution and cycles of violence.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: It leads us to enemy-love and scandalous forgiveness.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: It calls us beyond reciprocity into radical giving.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: So let us commit our way to the Lord together

until our righteousness shines like the dawn and our justice like high noon.

All: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One.

*Opening Hymn

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imaging. The economy of our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessings we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line, we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace. If you are here in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

* **Sung Response** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading *Luke 6:27-38*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Genesis 45:3-11, 50:20-21*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Give Me Jesus - arr. Tom Treney
Katie Long, soprano; Rebecca Oden Pugh, piano

All Things New - Elaine Hagenberg
APC Choir

Amazing Grace - arr. John Carter
Rebecca Oden Pugh, piano

How Great Thou Art - arr. Dan Forrest
Katie Long, soprano; Rebecca Oden Pugh, piano

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul - arr. R.O. Pugh

* Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Song sheet

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

Sending Hymn

Goodness is Stronger than Evil Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ. If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here. You may kneel on the steps to the pulpit platform, should you wish to take an attitude of deeper prayer.

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year C, Seventh Sunday of Epiphany, **February 23:**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38.

Lectionary Year C, Transfiguration Sunday, **March 2: Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36 (37-43).**



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We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action Congregation.

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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