

## Announcements

**Youth Events:** Sunday Night Youth will be meeting in Sturgis tonight, March 13th, from 4-5 pm. We will be diving deeper into the Lent season lessons, have a good time with the youth worship band, and play some fun games. Come join us!

Shoe Boxes needed for Children's Activity. Please bring any gently used shoe boxes to the church office or leave on the church pew in Sturgis. The shoe boxes will be used for a children's activity box for Spring Break. Boxes will be delivered at the end of the week. Please let Jewelie know if you would like an extra activity box for a relative, neighbor, or friend so she can make sure to have enough boxes.

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**Food Pantry.** The March Distribution Day is this Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. We are once again requesting peanut butter as the donation item.

**Church Meetings.** The Worship Committee meets this Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm in the parlor to discuss Passion Week and Easter plans.

SPRC meets Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm in the parlor.

**Chapel.** The chapel is open every Thursday from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm for those wishing a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

### Please Remember:

- You may put your offering in the plate, use Tithely by scanning the QR code under Ways to Give, go directly to Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=368022>, or drop it off at the church office during the week or by mail.
- Worship services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Watch at <https://www.facebook.com/fumcark> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark>.
- Face masks are optional but strongly encouraged.

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# Soul Care

Devoted to  
Prayer

Colossians 4:2-6



First United Methodist Church

# Worship for the Lord's Day

March 13, 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

11:00 Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Nevada Mills

Opening Voluntary *Fairest Lord Jesus* Kay McAfee  
*-by Robert Hobby*

Centering Prayer (Focus) Pastor Randy

**\*Prayer of Confession & Invitation** Congregation  
Abba Father, we love you even though the time we think of you, turn our hearts to you, and desire to be like you is far too little. Have us and hold us. Through the Holy Spirit fill us with holy love and use us to fulfill your purposes in the world and to progress us in your grace. We sincerely ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH No. 140

**\*Apostles' Creed** UMH No. 881

**\*The Gloria Patri** UMH No. 70  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Moments for Little Methodists Amy Sonheim

Pastoral Prayer and Offering  
The Lord's Prayer Congregation

The Offertory *Lamb of God, Pure and Spotless* Kay McAfee  
*-by J.S. Bach*

**\* The Doxology** UMH No. 95  
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. Amen.

**\*Reading God's Word Responsively** Colossians 4:2-6  
*Hear the Word of the LORD*

*"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

*And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.*

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.*

*Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Beautiful Savior* Chancel Choir  
*-arr. F. Melius Christiansen*  
*Bryan Silva, flute*

**Sermon** *Devoted to Prayer* Pastor Randy

**\*Hymn of Response** TFWS No. 2001  
*We Sing to You, O God*

**\*Benediction/Blessing** Pastor Randy

**Closing Voluntary** *To God Be the Glory* Kay McAfee  
*-by James Pethel*

## Sermon Outline

### I. Devoted

- A. "We are what we repeatedly do," said Aristotle. "Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."
- B. Lent is a good time to ask, "Am I devoted to prayer?"
- C. Col. 4:2

### II. The antidote to casual prayer

- A. Devoted: from the Greek *proskartereo*, pronounced pros-car-ter-eh-o. It means a fanatically fixated focus.
- B. "Travailing prayer" is the old term for this kind of prayer and figures prominently in the book of Acts.
  1. Acts 1:14
  2. Acts 2:42
  3. Acts 2:46
  4. Acts 6:3-4

### III. Travailing prayer requires:

- A. The ATTITUDE of total helplessness and dependence.
- B. A special VISION described in Isaiah 6:1-9a.
  1. Upward
  2. Inward
  3. Outward
  4. With effort

### IV. Will you try it?