

SCRIPTURE READINGS

One of the primary reasons for obtaining wealth
is to be able to give it to God.

*“ . . . remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said
‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35).*

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be
disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my
youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

- ✘ As we pray, let us remember Bonita; Dave & Kristie, their unborn baby & their families; the family of Jason Hale Stewart-White; Samantha; Tommy; Kim & Dan; Sean; Emily; the Tomlinson family/death of Fran; Sue; Jeff; Timothy; Michael; Sherry; Steve/blood clots in bladder; Wade; Haley & Andrew; HT; John; Robert; Mike; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira
- ✘ We remember those who have died, especially Jason Hale Stewart-White and Diana Webb.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW

OUR LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING — Stations of the Cross begin at 6 PM, followed by a pot luck soup supper and a Lenten discussion. This season's topic is *Meeting Jesus for the First Time*. Please join us each Friday during Lent.

PLEASE JOIN US BETWEEN SERVICES AS WE SIGN BIRTHDAY CARDS AND SEND WELL-WISHES TO OUR LADIES OF PERRYVILLE. The ladies are part of the Sunshine Club of the Episcopal Church at Perryville Woman's Prison. With your help for January we signed and sent 42 birthday cards. Birthday cards and stamps are always welcome. Many thanks for your continued donations. — Jessica & Krista Rickerson and Pattie Prosoy.

THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018 AT 11:00 A.M., WE WILL HAVE A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF JASON HALE STEWART-WHITE (MAY 23, 1985 TO DECEMBER 22, 2017

LENT MADNESS — THROUGH MARCH 28TH!

Offered in conjunction with Forward Day by Day, Lent Madness is the wild scheme of two priests to use the Lenten season as a means to inform us about the lives of the Saints. Sometimes saintly, sometimes snarky...the blogs about each Saint are always informative and entertaining. Each weekday during Lent, two Saints will face off against each other. Using the information provided in the blog (from Celebrity Bloggers, no less!) and any other research we might want to dig up; we, the people, select the Saint that we believe is most deserving to advance to the next round. The tournament starts with 32 Golden Halo aspirants, which is then narrowed down to the Saintly Sixteen, the Elate Eight, and the Faithful Four. The two winners from the Faithful Four round move on to compete for the Golden Halo. Past winners include Francis of Assisi, Charles Wesley, Luke the Evangelist (yes, THAT Luke), and Mary Magdalene. This is a fun way to engage your whole family and even friends in a season of discovery and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. You can sign up to receive the daily voting emails at <http://www.lentmadness.org/about/>. I'm looking forward to some great discussions during coffee hour!! — Deacon Kim.

On February 18, 25, and March 4, **FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS WILL BE ACCEPTING HANGABLE ART-WORK** for our upcoming spring exhibit. You may have painted it yourself, or a friend painted it or you bought it because you loved it—but it reminds you of springtime—flowers, meadows, spring storms, sunshine, gardens, beautiful sunsets, etc. Please bring your artwork in and give it to a member of Faith Through the Arts who will be outside of the library accepting the art. It will hang in our parish hall during spring for all of us to enjoy. Thank you for your support!!!!

OUR POWWOW & FOOD PANTRY MINISTRIES need plastic grocery bags so don't throw used bags out—recycle them with us! Please place them in the wicker basket under the round table in the kitchen. Thanks!

OUR ANNUAL DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 THROUGH THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT CHAPEL ROCK IN PRESCOTT. All priests and deacons will be in attendance. Since no clergy will be available, we will not have our usual Wednesday Eucharist service on Wednesday, February 21

CORRECTION FROM DEACON KIM - Please use the following corrected address for my Dad's friend Roman Snoke: TDC #672063, CT Terrell Unit, 3-B-64, Rosharon, TX 77583. Thank you!

JOIN US IN SIGNING BIRTHDAY CARDS BETWEEN SERVICES TODAY

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Today | Nursery care | 7:45–11:15 AM |
| | Vestry Commissioning | |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite I | 8 AM |
| | Soul Food Sunday (CH3) | 9:10 AM |
| | Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) | 9:45 AM |
| | Youth Group (CH 6) | 9:45 AM |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite II | 10 AM |
| | Praise Band Practice | 11:30 AM |
| Mon. | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| Tue. | Joyful Noise practice | 7 PM |
| | Bunco (PH) | 7 PM |
| Wed. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 PM |
| Thu. | Women's Bible Study (MR) | 6 PM |
| Fri. | Celebration of Life / Jason Hale Stewart-White | 11 AM |
| | Friday Night Lenten Series | 6 PM |
| | <i>Meeting Jesus for the First Time</i> | |
| Sat. | Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH) | 9 AM |
| | Boy Scouts Court of Honor (PH) | 12 Noon |
| Sun. | Nursery care | 7:45–11:15 AM |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite I | 8 AM |
| | DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5) | 9 AM |
| | Soul Food Sunday (CH3) | 9:10 AM |
| | Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) | 9:45 AM |
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FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

Stations of the Cross 6 PM

Soup Supper 6:30 PM

Lenten Study 7 PM

Meeting Jesus for the First Time

FOOD PANTRY

hamburger helper, pancake mix, syrup
Saltine crackers, soup

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

granola bars, Cheez-its;
tooth brushes & toothpaste,