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First Sunday of Lent

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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1 Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

3 Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!

2 Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?

4 So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Forty days and forty nights, #150 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us

setting by John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.



Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be

opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

Said responsively by whole verse

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of
trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay
near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all
who are true of heart.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishop Carrie; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We especially pray for those our parish prayer list: For Kevin M., Bill, the Leezer family, Steve K., Leslie C., Chloe R., Rosalie J., Anne, Dominic D., Butch H., Michael L., Stephanie, Conner, Janice R. Anne K. and family, Keith B., Jonathan B., and Bob. O. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays as well as anniversaries.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant concludes

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalicist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips.

If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world. Your contributions of any size make a difference. [Give online](https://sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. Thank you!



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Please be seated.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM A Lenten Walk Spiritual, arr. Hal Hopson

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves. Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own we have given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP pg. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
 sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Music: John Merbecke (1518?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*; acc. Thomas Foster (b. 1938). Melody: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our

hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

It is well with my soul

LEVAS 188

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul.

— It is well, it is well with my soul, soul.

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888). Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876).

It Is Well with My Soul, #188 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888). Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, Amen.

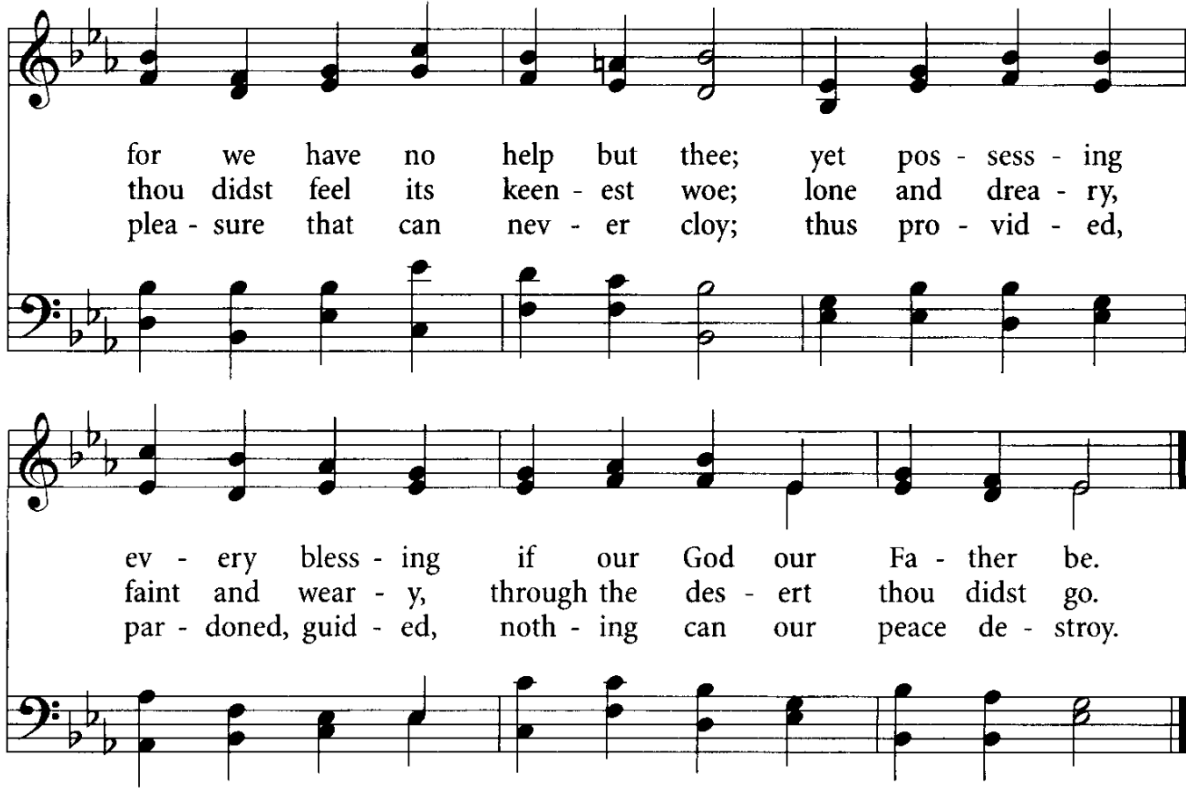
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

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1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
2 Sav - iour, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
3 Spir - it of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us,
heaven - ly joy, love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,



for we have no help but thee; yet pos - sess - ing
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; lone and drea - ry,
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing if our God our Fa - ther be.
 faint and wear - y, through the des - ert thou didst go.
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace de - stroy.

Text: James Edmeston (1791–1867).
 Music: Melody Friedrich Filitz (1804–1876); adapt. Thomas Binney (1798–1874);
 harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872), alt.

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 MANNHEIM

THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants for Sunday, February 22nd

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey
Deacon and Preacher: The Rev. Rebecca C. Warlow
Music Director: Greg Sesek
Guest Cantor: Tori Delgado
Lectors: Tom H., Mary D.
Crucifer: Charlie L.
Acolyte: Dylan B.
Ushers: Kathleen S., Kevin H.
AV: John L.
Altar Guild: Susan B., Joyce M.

Lay Participants for Sunday, March 1 TBD

Lectors: Loretta C., Mary D.
Crucifer/Acolyte: Greg S.
Ushers: Kathleen S., Karyn G.
AV: Robin R.
Altar Guild: To be determined

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact us at sherwoodparish@gmail.com. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

*Please remember those on our parish prayer list with ongoing needs:
Shannon T., Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Ruth, Don M., Andrea, Peggy, Angelina, Leslie, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.*

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday

Sunday Worship, Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10 am
Casa de Oración Hossana, 2-4 pm

Wednesday

Mother Nancy's Office Hours, 10 am - 3 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Study: Introduction to Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to join us for our five-week Lenten program on Sundays following the 10 am service beginning on February 22. We will explore the traditions, practices, and worship practices of the Episcopal Church. Our Lenten program is for everyone. Anyone considering being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church or wishing to reaffirm their confirmation should attend the sessions. A sign-up sheet is in the church wing or email Mother Nancy (sherwoodparish@gmail.com).

Lenten Word Challenge:

Pick up your Lenten word and live with it during the season of Lent. Discover how the word comes alive in ways you never imagined. Words will be available in church or Mother Nancy can send one to you.

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Oh No... Changes in Our Liturgy?

During the forty days of Lent, we will notice a few changes in our liturgy. We will say goodbye to "Alleluia." It is a joyful word, and at Sherwood we love to shout it loudly! Refraining from this joyful proclamation until Easter helps us enter more fully into the reflective nature of Lent. We will also begin our services with the Confession of Sin, known as the Penitential Order, which emphasizes the season's penitential character. Lent is not a "No Fun Zone," but a time for self-reflection – an opportunity to examine your relationship with God and consider how you are called to be the light of Christ in the world.

2025 Ministry Reports Due:

Those who head ministries have been sent an email reminding them to submit their year-end report to Mother Nancy by March 2. The 2025 Annual Report will be sent to all members of Sherwood via email prior to our scheduled Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 22.

Curious About Serving on the Vestry?

Do you have a vested interest in Sherwood Church and our community? Would you like to assist in guiding us to live and serve according to our baptismal covenant? If the answer is YES, then a position on the vestry may be for you! To serve on the vestry you must be at least 16 years old and a pledging member in good standing. The position is a 3-year term. We would love to hear from you. Interested? Direct inquiries to the Chair of the Vestry Nomination Committee, Joyce [Mann, Joymann3@hotmail.com](mailto:Joymann3@hotmail.com) or Mother Nancy. sherwoodrector@gmail.com

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