

# First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

## The 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."

## Psalm

*Psalm 25:1-9*

- 1 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.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 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.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 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.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## The 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.

## The Gospel Reading

*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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Norah Lindsey  
 4th: Carolyn Deakins  
 6th: Robert Brown  
 9th: Tommy Smith  
 13th: Claire Renzetti  
 16th: Wanda Ellis  
 21st: Rusty Akinson  
 28th: Jonathan Roberts

## This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, February 25, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

### Traces of the Trade: A Tale from the Deep North

A Film Screening and Facilitated Dialogue on Race on **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 9 PM** in the Parish Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church. Dinner and childcare will be provided, but space is limited. More information or interested attending, please contact Mtr Tracey.

**On Saturday, March 9,** Trinity Episcopal Church are hosting the One Human Race workshop from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** Both events require pre-registration and are brought to us with funding from the community engagement team of the Episcopal Health Foundation.

### Easter Hydrangeas

If you would like to purchase Hydrangeas for Easter Sunday, **March 31, 2024,** please pick up and fill out the form in the entry way of the church. Place your check noted **“Easter Hydrangeas”** and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Hydrangeas \$25.00.** Deadline to purchase Hydrangeas will be **Sunday, March 24th.**

## NEXT Sunday’s Servers (02/25)

**Acolytes:** Joshua Martinez

**Cameras & Streaming:** Michael Greathouse

**Danny’s Team:** Mary Lynn Dawes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Becky Supercinski

**Greeter:** Bryan White

**Lector:** Melinda Smith

**Nursery Helper:** Helen Daniel

**Ushers:** Jerry Ritchie

**Vestry People:** Bryan White, Joshua Martinez

**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Andrew McWhorter
- Ed Maxwell
- Gary (Bubba) Lewis
- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering.

Or, send an email with your request to: [prayer@smaalongview.org](mailto:prayer@smaalongview.org)

**\*\* Emailed prayer requests are received by all who’ve signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. \*\***

### Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
01/21/24	\$9,692	\$3,302	\$6,390
01/28/24	\$1,896	\$3,302	-\$1,406
02/04/24	\$6,852	\$3,302	\$3,550
02/11/24	\$7,870	\$3,302	\$4,568
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$31,901</b>	<b>\$19,813</b>	<b>\$12,088</b>

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