



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

*For those joining worship via live stream, please prepare your bread and cup before worship.
so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today's service.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS John Weicher

PRELUDE *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* *Holy Manna,*
arr. Don Husted

INTROIT *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* *Holy Manna,*
arr. John Carter

*Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One come down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 121)** John Weicher

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

People: **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: The Lord will not let your foot be moved,
and the one who watches over you will not fall asleep.

People: **Behold, the one who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

Leader: it is the Lord who watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

People: **so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
the Lord shall keep you safe.

People: **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 436** *God of Compassion in Mercy Befriend Us* *O Quanta Qualia*

***CONFESSION OF SIN** Mindy Douglas
Call to Prayer

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life.
You know our nakedness and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.
Have mercy on us, we pray:
cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life,
and re-create us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie

F. G. Douglas

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Chri - ste e - le - i - son

Ky - ri - e, Chri - ste, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Declaration of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Candace Knotts and Ben Gunn

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **God, our helper,
you are strength greater than the mountains;
you look to our needs and watch over us day and night.
Teach us to hold confidently to your grace
that in times of fear and danger
we may know you are near and depend on you,
our sure deliverer. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

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

(Pew Bible, OT Page 2)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Candace Knotts and Ben Gunn

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT Page 3)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Esther Hethcox

*HYMN

In Adam We Have All Been One

St. Anne

1 In Ad - am we have all been one, one
 2 We fled thee, and in los - ing thee we
 3 But thy strong love, it sought us still and
 4 O thou who, when we loved thee not, didst

heir of Ad - am's fall; We all have heard that
 lost our neigh - bor too; All sing - ly sought and
 sent thine on - ly Son That we might hear our
 love and save us all, Good Shep - herd of all

eve - ning voice but hid - den from thy call.
 claimed their own as Cain his broth - er slew.
 shep - herd's voice and, hear - ing him, be one.
 hu - man - kind, oh, hear us when we call.

5 Send us thy Spirit, teach us truth;
 Thou Son, oh, set us free
 From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
 And make us one in thee.

6 Then shall our song united rise
 To thine eternal throne;
 Where with the Father evermore
 And Spirit, thou art one.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

(From The Iona Community)

John Weicher

**We believe in God above us,
 maker and sustainer of all life,
 of sun and moon,
 of water and earth,
 of all souls. *(Affirmation continues next page)***

(Affirmation continues in unison)

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.**

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

**He descended into the earth
to the place of death.**

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

**He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Mindy Douglas

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes (Psalm 121)

Jean Berger

I to the hills lift up mine eyes, from where shall come mine aid.

Mine help doth from Jehovah come, which heaven and earth hath made.

He will not let thy foot be moved, nor slumber that thee keeps.

Lo, he that keepeth Israel, he slumb'reth not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thy keeper is, the Lord on thy right hand the shade.

The sun by day, nor moon by night, shall thee by stroke invade.

The Lord shall keep thee from all ill, thy soul he keeps always,

Thy going out, and thy in-come, the Lord keeps now and aye. Amen.

*Doxology (Hymn No. 654)

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;

in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Esther Hethcox

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: We give you thanks and praise, O God,
 in this dry and weary land.
 You set a table for us in the wilderness,
 and provide for all our needs.
 Even when we complain against you,
 you feed us with bread from heaven.
 When we quarrel and question your grace,
 you give us water from a stone.
 How can we keep silent?
 Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your praise.

All (sung):

Sanctus

Pavlechko



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: We give you thanks and praise for Jesus
 our way in the wilderness,
 our companion in the desert.
 He knows our hunger and thirst;
 he gives us the bread of life to eat
 and living water to drink.
 He leads us beside still water
 and prepares this table for us,
 even in the presence of our enemies.
 The cup of blessing overflows!

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Now pour out your Holy Spirit
upon this bread, this cup, these people.
By the power of your Spirit
breathe life into our dust
and hope into our bones.
Make us one flesh and one blood,
one in the body of Christ.
Let us live to sing your praise,
and show your love to all,
until our wilderness wandering is over,
and we feast with you forever,
in the land that you have promised.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, O God, now and always.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 574



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

**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 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Mindy Douglas

***COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE** (Read insert for instructions.)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Thank you, gracious God,
for giving us bread for the journey
of these forty days.
As we travel on through the wilderness
help us to share your grace with others
and draw us ever closer to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 543

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Green Tyler

*BENEDICTION

Esther Hethcox

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "St. Anne"

Benjamin Culli



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code. First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

The *flowers* today are given in loving memory of **Bill Lorimer** on the occasion of his birthday and to the glory of God by **Marcia, Stephen, and David Lorimer**.

The *Pulpit Paraments*: In 2012 First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. Her liturgical projects emphasize the “threads that bind” and the unity of the Old and New Testaments. We are grateful that the bequest of Anne ‘St. Clair’ Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

The *Lenten Banner* was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of **Bess Bryant** and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children’s playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. *Activity bags* are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Today’s worship texts are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (1995, 2018), *Feasting on the Word*, and *The Iona Worship Book*.

~ Our Concerns ~

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Al and Judy Arrowood* on the sudden death (from liver failure) of Al's nephew, *Marc Arrowood*, on February 27 in Gastonia NC.

Mindy Douglas, surgery this week

Jo Ann Moore, surgery this week

Jenni James, recovering from neck surgery

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni and Wil James, battling Parkinson's Disease

Tom Bacon

Paul Cornsweet

Susan Cyr

Patrick Dobson

Kerry Holbrook

Lee House

George Kafula

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Franzi Rokoske

David Verner

Andy Widmark

Carol Wills

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: *Arthur Clark*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe*

The Forest at Duke Health & Wellness Center: *Joe & Carlisle Harvard* (Hickory South 303,304)

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Blaine Ballantyne, friend of Jane Brown

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

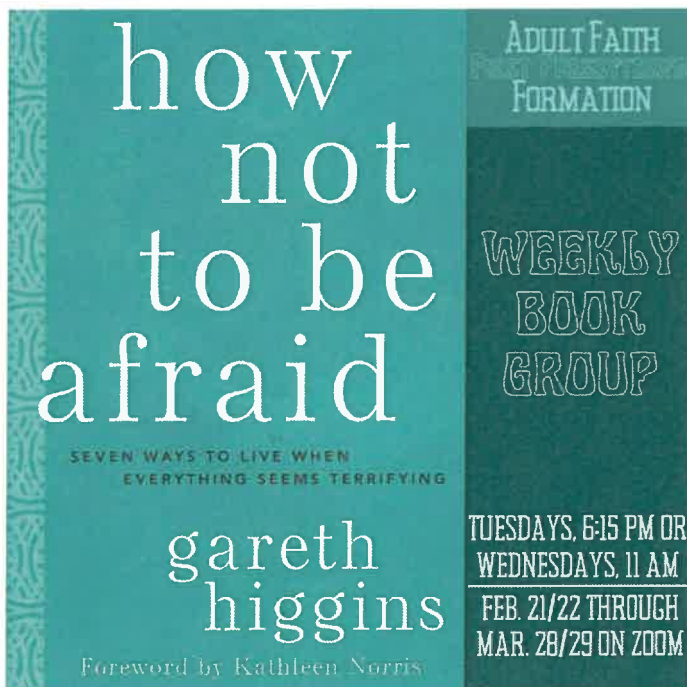
John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Brooke, roommate of Heidi Biermann

Father of Andres, friend of the congregation

Pam Hanson, mother of Laura Hanson

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss



Discussion Schedule

March 7/8 - chapters 6-7

March 14/15 - chapters 8-9

March 21/22 - chapters 10-11

March 28/29 - chapter 12 and epilogue

April 4 – Holy week – no meeting

April 11 – Easter week – no meeting

ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972133680?pwd=cktmdUNZdXRSZ09NUkxhZk1DTlkzQT09>



As part of the 2023 McPherson Lectureship, we invite families with young children, interested youth and adults to join us for an FPC movie night on Sunday, March 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. RSVP to Lenore Champion if you want to enjoy pizza during the movie.

MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP 2023
THEME: Finding God in the Movies



Sunday, March 26

9:45 a.m. Faith & Community Class

11:00 a.m. Worship

3:00-4:30 p.m. McPherson Lectureship

Monday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Clergy and Youth Leader Breakfast at FPC

Reservation required for the breakfast.

There is no cost for the meal.

A Call for Volunteers

COMMUNION: Would you like to help with communion during worship? We have need for preparers and servers (serving communion is not limited to elders and deacons!). You are welcome to sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion1#/>

Up-coming dates include:

April 6, 9

May 7, 28

June 4.

If you are interested but would like to have more information or some instruction before volunteering, please contact **Mary Ann Compton**.

USHERING: If you have served as an usher in the past or have never served but feel this is something you can do, please contact **Esther Hethcox** to have your name added to the current rotation. While most ushers are members of the Diaconate, you do not have to be a deacon to serve as an usher. In addition, spouses and partners, children and youth can serve alongside family members. We are especially looking for persons who can serve on a regular basis or as a sub on short notice. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve as part of our ushering ministry.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS: Now that things are getting busy at the church, and hopefully will continue to do so, the church staff would appreciate having full coverage in the first-floor office Monday through Friday (mornings and afternoons). Duties are simple and training is available. Backup volunteers also appreciated. We currently have the following fulltime openings:

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 1:00 p.m.

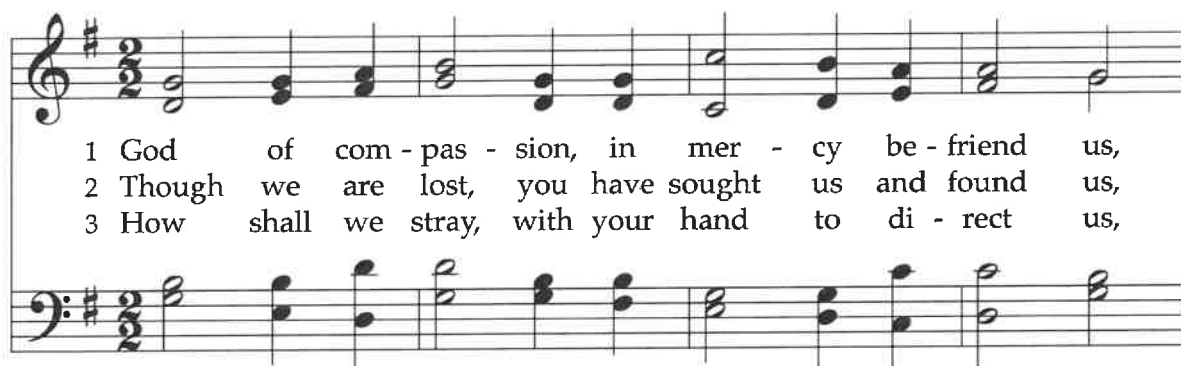
Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Fridays, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

If you have interest in serving in one of these slots, or as a backup, please contact **Sarah Wright**.

God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

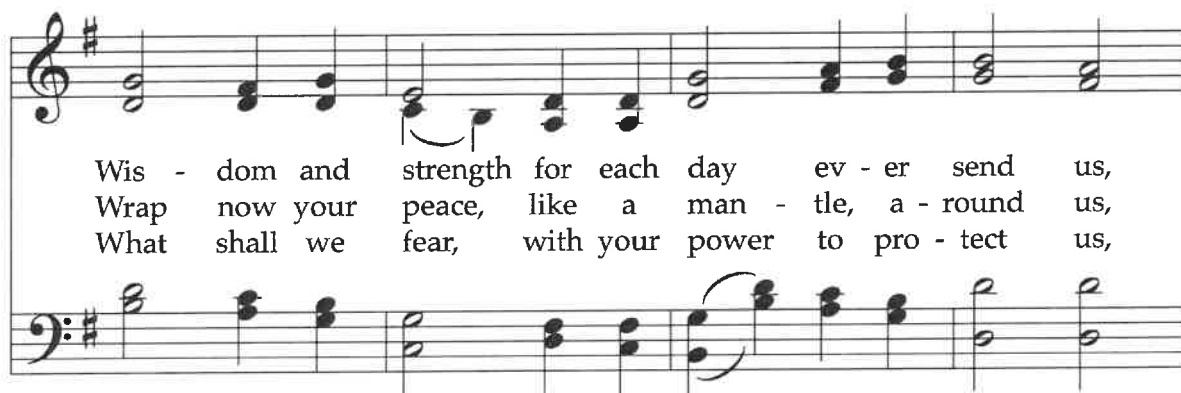
Befriend Us



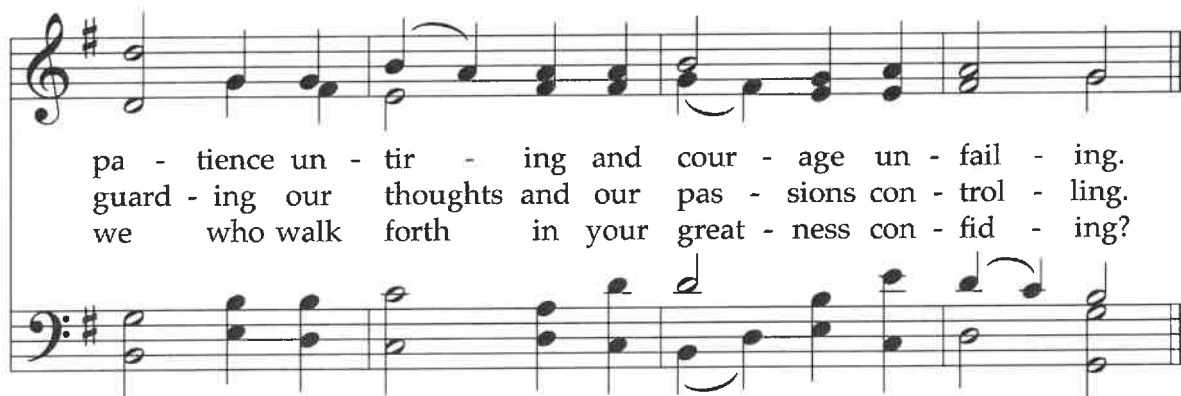
1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,



giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?



Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,



pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today . . .</p> <p>12:15-1:15 PM Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>4:30 PM MnMs Fellowship Potluck at the home of Wayne & Lucie House</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group</p> <p>8:00 PM MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, March 6</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>10:30 AM-12 Noon Presbyterian Women Circle & Bible Study</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 7</p> <p>6:15 PM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How Not to Be Afraid</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, March 8</p> <p>11:00 AM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How Not to Be Afraid</i></p> <p>1:00-2:00 PM Program Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:00-8:30 PM Young Adult Study (Wilson Parlor)</p>
<p>Thursday, March 9</p> <p>9:00 AM -12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p>	<p>Friday, March 10</p>	<p>Saturday, March 11</p> <p>9:00 AM - 12 Noon Landscaping and Grounds Workday at FPC</p>	<p>Sunday, March 12 Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for all ages</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM Fellowship via Zoom</p>

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Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
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Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Bowers Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, Designated Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)
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John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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