

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH
Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Monica Reilly

Leader: In times of trouble, in days of fear,
People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,
People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: When we are hard-hearted and cynical,
People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: When we struggle to believe God’s promise of redemption,
People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.
People: Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.

*HYMN #270 “Wonderful Words of Life”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Silent Prayer “Lead Me, Lord”

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of our holy name.

*PASSING THE PEACE
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

*RESPONSE #335 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 32

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

RESPONSE
Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Wisdom”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #2 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(From the Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN #429 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Through It All”

*RESPONSE #625 “Doxology”
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.

PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

*HYMN #382 “Be Thou My Vision”

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE
Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?
People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ’s love and grace through serving and
nurturing body, mind, and soul.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Living for Jesus”

**please stand as you are able*

Music is licensed through CCLI.

LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor
Jenni Cain, Pianist
Sena Cooper, Office Assistant
Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant
Jessica Hammontree, Preschool Director

Please join us
in the fellowship hall
for refreshments
immediately after worship!



THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, March 30
Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

Tuesday, April 1
Choir Practice, 4:30pm
Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 2
Prayer Group, 9:00am
Chapel

Food Pantry
10:00–11:00am
Fellowship Hall

Lenten Bible Study
noon
Annex Room 2

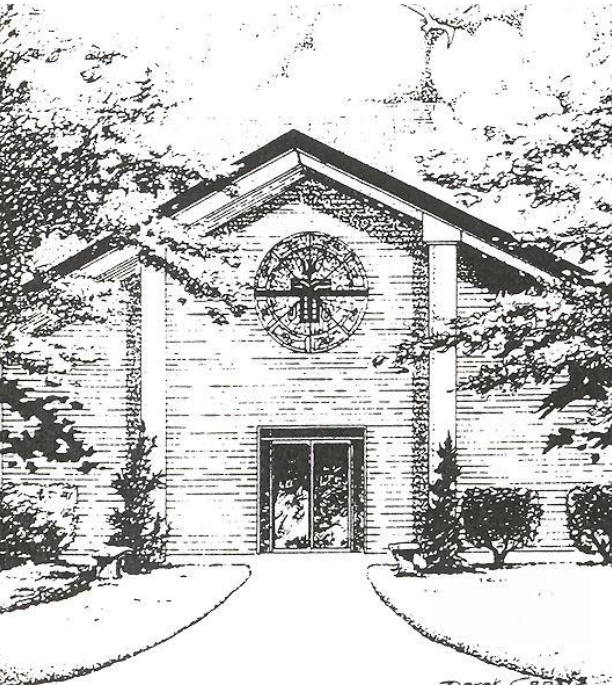
Worship Committee
4:00pm
Annex Room 2

Thursday, April 3
Lenten Lunches
noon
Pine Street Park, Foley

Welcome to
Swift Church

March 30, 2025

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