

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go. **Psalms 32:8**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience.

**Colossians 1:11**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mid and your neighbor as yourself. **Luke 10:27**

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**To Our Guests**

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

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**Introit 399 (3x)**

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God’s love is strong and it never ends.*

**Proclamation**

In life and 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,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**Remembering our Baptism**

**\*Hymn 165**

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Holy One,  
you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
but we get tripped up on logistics.  
We want to know: who is our neighbor?  
Do we have to love the stranger?  
Must we have compassion for our enemy?  
Forgive our human tendency  
to create exceptions in the face of love.  
Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor  
in every stranger we pass.  
Make us whole in your love we pray, Amen.

**Response 471 (2x)**

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*Response 523, refrain (2x)**

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Blessing the Nations**

Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

**Response 487, v. 1**

*These treasured children present now  
are bound to us by sacred vow;  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim  
to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

**First Pew**

**Response 487, v. 5**

*Then, tender God, each child embrace;  
God give them blessings, grant them grace  
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,  
and gently guide them to your will.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Luke 10:25-37

**Sermon**

“Between Stranger and Neighbor”

**\*Hymn (see insert)**

“O God, You Give Us Neighbors”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”

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**\*Credo**

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

**Sending (2x)**

*Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.  
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.*

I admire the good Samaritan, but I don’t want to be one. I don’t want to spend my life picking up people by the side of the road after they have been beaten up and robbed. I want to change the Jericho road, so that everybody has an opportunity for a job, education, security, health.

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.

**Desmond Tutu**

A Good Samaritan is not simply one whose heart is touched in an immediate act of care and charity, but one who provides a system of sustained care.

**Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes**

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

**Sermons & Information**

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### Sunday, February 22 • First Sunday in Lent

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Luke 10:25-37*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Gathering – Downstairs

### Wednesday, February 25

- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Saturday, February 28

- 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life: Martin Burke – Sanctuary/Zoom  
Reception following Service at the War Memorial Building
- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Gathering – Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, March 1 • Second Sunday in Lent

*Genesis 12:1-4a; 3:1-7 Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Luke 10:38-42*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Gathering – Downstairs
- 5:00 p.m. Communiy Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,  
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** “The Glory of These Forty Days” invites us into the season of Lent, connecting Jesus’ wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. “O God, You Give Us Neighbors”, written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, puts modern words inspired the parable of the Good Samaritan to a familiar tune.

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#### Season of Lent

First Sunday

February 22, 2026

11:00 a.m.

#### Never Met a Stranger

When we talk about God, we say  
she’s never met a stranger.  
She makes friends at the airport.  
She waves to babies in the checkout line.

When we talk about God, we say  
she’ll leave the porch light on.  
She’ll have warm bread in the oven.  
She’ll have all the time in the world.

When we talk about God, we say  
she’ll look you in the eye.  
She’ll love you as you are.  
She’ll call you by your name

When we talk about God,  
we never have to talk about  
which side of the road she might walk down.

Wherever you are,  
that’s where she’ll be.

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