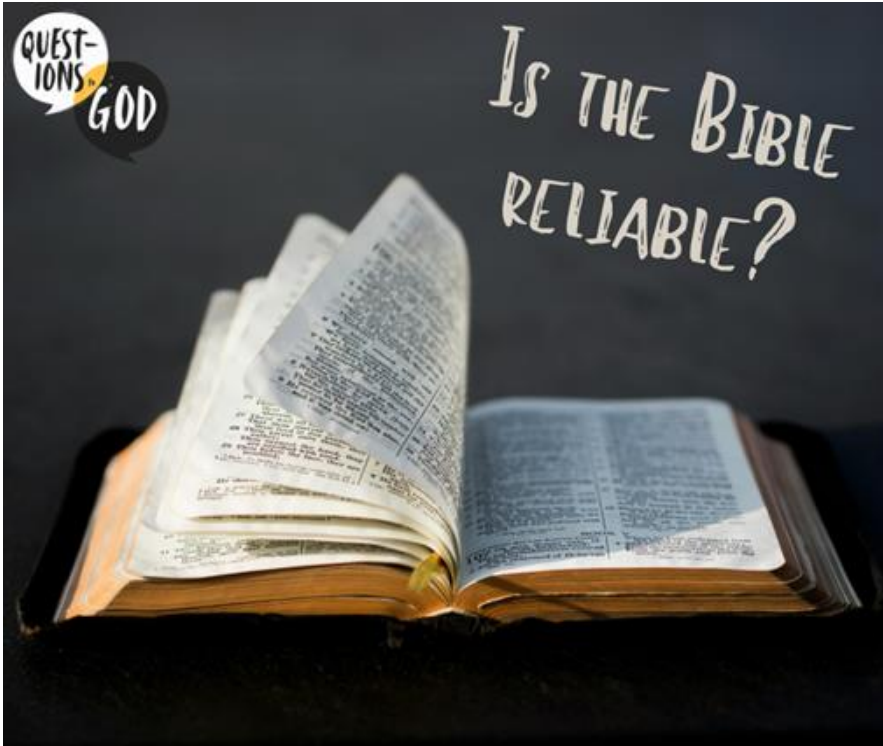


Amity Presbyterian Church



Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024

Glorifying Christ - Always Loving, Serving, & Growing

Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here. At Amity, we truly believe that each person is a loved child of God, so we seek to welcome everyone as fully as God does. We celebrate the presence of children of all ages in worship, along with their noise and wiggles. Please make yourself at home.

Pastor: Rev. Megan Argabrite
Worship Leader: Cheryl Foster

Director of Music: Isaiah Cornelius
Accompanist: Shaun T. Koh

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We Gather Around the Word

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*The congregation speaks the words in **bold***)

God's Word in scripture is a gift.

When we doubt, we can turn to God's word.

When fears take hold of us, we can turn to God's Word.

In times of joy, we turn to God's Word.

Jesus is God's Living Word!

Thanks be to God for the saving Word!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn #450

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Singing together:

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Music: #695

Together we make our confession:

God of Light,

our lives are never hidden from you,

the secret intentions of our hearts are laid bare for you to see.

**We confess that instead of allowing your Word
to shape and transform our lives,**

we manipulate it to suit our own personal agendas.

**We worship you but desire to be masters of our own universe,
ruling over others, and possessing all things.**

**Forgive us and free us from our double-mindedness,
so that your holy Word can lead us into new life.**

Hear our confessions and change our hearts...

Silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: ...Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia, amen!

We Proclaim the Word

THE GOSPEL IN OTHER WORDS

Children of all ages are invited to come to the front.

PSALTER READING *Psalm 19:7-10* Page 855 in Pew Bible

SCRIPTURE READING *Hebrews 4:12-14* Page 1864 in Pew Bible

SUNG RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* Hymn #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

MESSAGE *"Is the Bible reliable?"* Pastor Megan

We Respond to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Breath Prayer from scripture

Inhale: Let me be still and know

Exhale: that you are God.

...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.

INVITATION TO GIVE

We Follow the Word Into the World

*SONG OF PRAISE

Standing on the Promises

Hymn #838

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Hymn #561



*POSTLUDE

*You're invited to stand, if able

Weekly Lenten Bible Study will be held each Wednesday, February 21st through March 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Amity Room. Pastor Megan will lead a study deeper into the scriptures and themes for each week.

Youth Program Need Planning to upgrade your home TV? Donate your old one for the youth room! We are hoping to find a large flat screen TV to support learning, recreation, and creativity in our growing youth program. Contact Youth Director, Tate, if you'd like to help: (919)257-9888 or tatearges@gmail.com

We give thanks to God for the life and witness of

Nancy Drummond

who entered the church triumphant on Wednesday, February 14.

Please keep her family in your prayers.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matt. 5:4)