

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

*First Sunday in Lent*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** "It Is Well With My Soul"

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Betty Carneal

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**People: The journey begins in the wilderness.**

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**People: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God is on our lips.**

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, or to do God's will in all things.

**People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

**\*HYMN #26** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Silent Prayer "If You Believe and I Believe"*

**O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than**

**the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**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** Deuteronomy 26:1–11

**SECOND READING** Luke 4:1–13

**RESPONSE**

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Terrible and Beautiful"  
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

*\*please stand as you are able*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**HYMN #172** "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

**\*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.**

**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 "He Is Lord"*

**\*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 #367**

*"Wherever He Leads I'll Go"*

**\*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**

*"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"*

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

**THIS WEEK AT SWIFT**

**Sunday, March 9**

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

**Monday, March 10**

Women's Bible Study, 5:00–6:30pm  
Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, March 11**

Preschool Board, 10:00am  
Annex, Room 2

Finance Committee, 2:00pm  
Annex, Room 2

Worship Committee, 4:00pm  
Annex, Room 2

**Wednesday, March 12**

Prayer Group, 9:00am  
Chapel

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

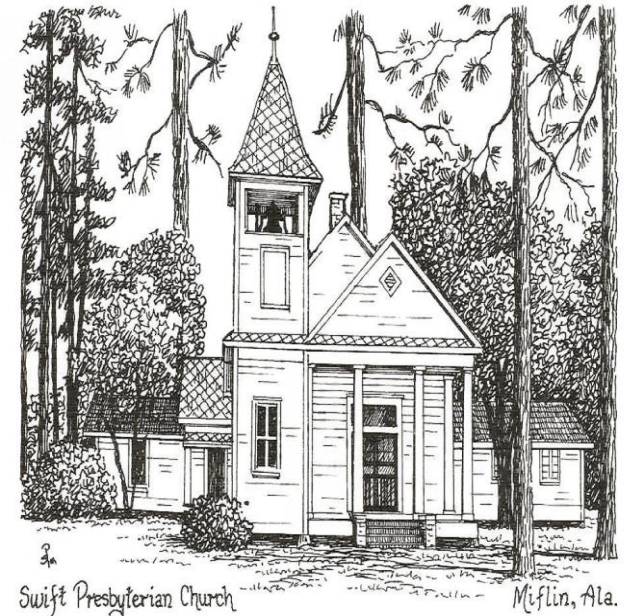
**Thursday, March 13**

Deacons Meeting, 10:00am  
Fellowship Hall

# Welcome to Swift Church

March 9, 2025

Striving to bring God joy!



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grace through serving and nurturing  
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