

## *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

### *March 10, 2024*

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship: (Based on Isaiah 43)

L: But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

**P: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

L: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**P: when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.**

**ALL: For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

\*Opening Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" Page 529

Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

L: Gracious and loving God, we confess that despite Your presence with us, we are reluctant to go forward in faith in our daily lives.

**P: We don't want to risk ourselves for the sake of the Gospel.  
We're afraid to walk with You. We're doubting, troubled, and timid.**

L: We lack commitment and trust.

**ALL Forgive us, O Lord, for our sin. Renew within us a vivid awareness that You are with us. May this awareness make it possible to go where You want us to go, to do what You want us to do, and to give Your name glory. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person, someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8) Let us trust in the saving grace of Jesus!

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Offering "Seek Ye First"

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\*Hymn "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Page 2158

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-5 Daniel 3:13-28

Sermon: *The 4th Man in the Fire*

Solo "When I Think About the Lord" – Daniel Shinabarger

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: Mitsi Hedges

10:00 am: Kim Carey

Coffee Hour

Jeanine Farrell

Joyce Bartlett

*Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew.  
Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.*

## *Church Happenings*

**A Farewell Celebration Luncheon for Marsha and Marla** will be held on Thursday, March 14 at 12 pm in Fred Curtis Hall. Please stop in for some lunch and to say goodbye to these great gals.

**The Youth Choir meets during the coffee hour.** If you have any questions, call Kim Carey 774-238-0745.

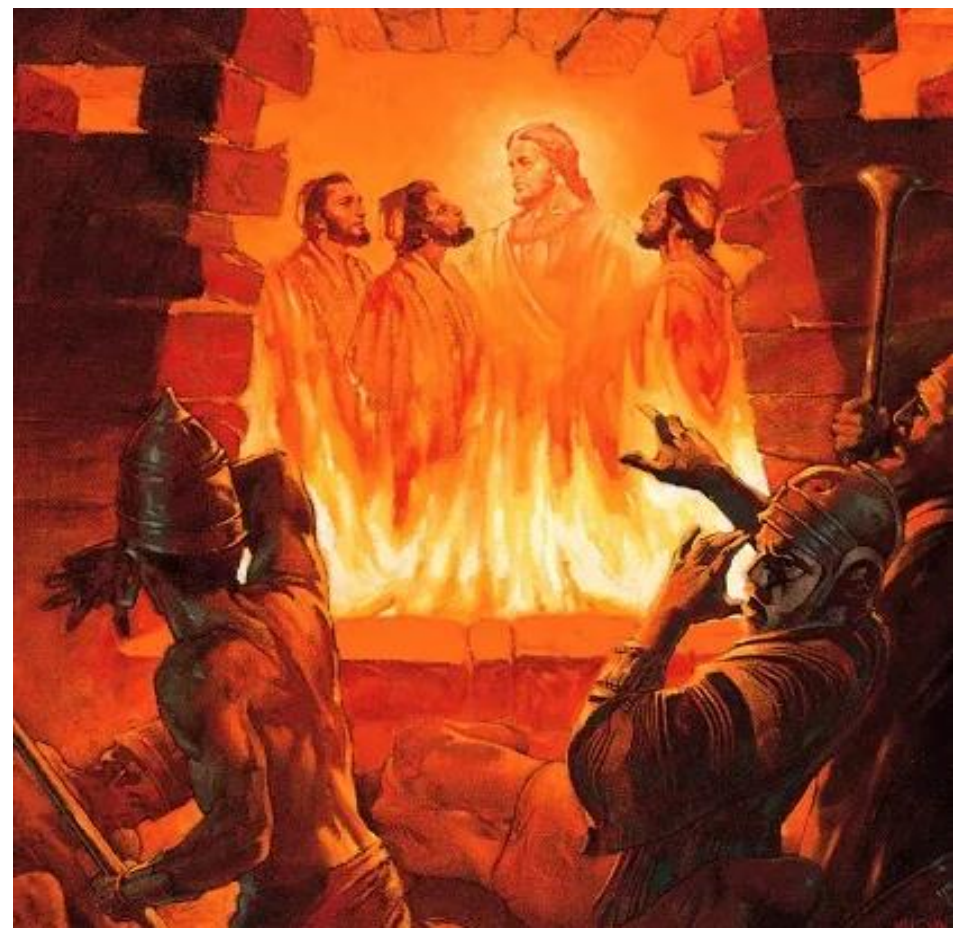
**Thank you to my church family for all the prayer, texts, visits and calls** during and following my back surgery. I could not have felt more loved. Misti Hedges

**Spring is just around the corner!** Priscilla Tinsley will be at the Annex on Tuesdays from 9 am till 12 pm to accept donations for the upcoming yard sales this spring and summer. If you have any questions, just give her a call 978-337-0408.

**Our youth group will hold an egg hunt after the 10 AM service on Easter Sunday, March 31** and they just wanted to thank everyone for their generous donations of candy for the hunt. We have all that we need!!!

**The Sunday School Kids are collecting money to buy a Llama for the Heifer project during Lent.** There is a collection table in the Solem. If you donate they have made a suncatcher for you!

**Join us at The Special Event on Sunday, March 24 at 5:30** to watch the music and testimonials of the Teen Challenge. This group helps teens and adults with drug and alcohol addictions.



*Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." Daniel 3:24-25*

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