

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PINE ISLAND
Love, Hope, a place to Belong

Pastor Carolyn Westlake
March 4, 2018 3rd Sunday of Lent

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing)
(*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

Time of Reflection

Pianist: Joel Blair

****Hymn #3040 (insert)**

You Are My All in All

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Naomi Kvittem-Murray

L: Come let us worship

**P: for here we proclaim Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God.**

****Hymn #160 (UMH)**

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart

(vs 1,3,5)

Children's Sermon

Dean Murray

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

****Gloria Patri**

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.

Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Hymn #504 (UMH)

The Old Rugged Cross

(vs 1,2,4)

Message

The Wisdom of Foolishness

Pastor Carolyn Westlake

Celebration of Holy Communion

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.

****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Offertory Prayer**

Eternal God, your law has guided your people from generation to generation. With the blessings of your covenant: receive our lives, that we may live your commandments; receive our gifts, that we may share your glory with the world. This we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus, who is our wisdom and our strength. Amen.

****Hymn #577 (UMH)**

God of Grace and God of Glory

(vs 1,2,4)

Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude

Prayer for Living Expectantly

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE

- **Pastor Carolyn's Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings at the church office. To contact Pastor Carolyn, please call: Office 507-356-4553, cell 507-208-5842 or pastorc@bevcomm.net. Feel free to call her cell number if you can't reach her at the Church Office.
- **Mission Box** for March Food Share.
- **Pine Island Sharing Shelf** for March will be Shampoo and Toothpaste.
- **Easter Flower Order:** Tulips & Truffles would like to receive our Easter flower order early, so please have all Easter flower orders in to Cathy by **Tuesday, March 6.**
- **John Lenten Study** Wednesdays at 7pm in Heritage Room starting on February 21 going through March 21.
- **A Reminder** to all committees with check books: Please bring in your records to the Finance Meeting on Tuesday, March 20, at 5:30pm, for the Audit. Thank you.
- **Fundraiser concert for the Pine Island Sharing Shelves** will be held on Sunday, March 18 at 4:00 pm featuring the Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra. The concert will be held at the Pine Island High School Auditorium. 100% of a free will offering taken at the concert will benefit the Sharing Shelves.