

# 2024 LENTEN SERVICES

*“The Kingdom of God”*



## MARCH 13

*Location:* Church of the Nazarene  
*Preacher:* Julie Nelson

## MARCH 20

*Location:* Church of the Nazarene  
*Preacher:* Sharla Hulsey

Services at 5:30 p.m.

A meal will be served after each service.

An offering will be received each night to benefit the Butler Ministerial Alliance's emergency assistance fund.



**March 10, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, March 10, 2024

## Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

*In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. Please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray during communion.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Don Malan, Elder

*If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit [fccbutler.org](http://fccbutler.org) and click the Register Attendance button.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### Prelude

Mary Coffman, Accompanist

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

### \*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Don Malan & Congregation

L: The love of God be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

L: May the grace of God shower upon you.

**P: And also upon you.**

L: Let us worship the God of our salvation.

**P: We sing our praises to the One who first loved us.**

### \*Opening Hymn

CH #543 (All)

“Blessed Assurance”

### \*Invocation

Don Malan & Congregation

**Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**You chose to become one of us in Jesus Christ,  
sharing our joy and sorrow,**

**manifesting your greatness in the child of the manger,  
revealing your Lordship as Christ washed his disciples' feet,  
showing forth your glory in the shame of the cross.**

**And so we praise you for your love  
which is great enough to embrace the universe,  
yet close enough to enter our hearts.**

**During our worship, surprise us with your grace  
that we, with the rest of the church on earth and in heaven,  
and the whole creation, may praise and adore you,  
O God, our Creator and Redeemer. Amen.**

### Lenten Reading

*“Things of God: Coin”*  
from a collection by Paul Neil

Diana Rich  
Carol Hedrick  
Justin Quick

## Prayer Hymn

CH #576 (All)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

## Silent Meditation

### Pastoral Prayer - “The Lord’s Prayer”

Sharla Hulsey

**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.**

## Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

### Responsive Reading

Don Malan & Congregation

Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 7-10 (*Chalice Hymnal*)

L: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Israel,

**P: whose hope is in the LORD their God,  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.**

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
and opens the eyes of the blind.

**P: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,  
and loves the righteous.**

L: The LORD watches over the strangers,  
and upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but brings to ruin the way of the wicked.

**P: The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the LORD!**

## Special Music

Adult Choir

“There Is an Everlasting Kindness”

## Scripture

Lyssa Lile

*Mark 12:28-44*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

“The Greatest Commandment”

## Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

\*Invitation Hymn CH #340 (All)  
 “Softly and Tenderly”

Musical Interlude Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation Diana Rich

Tithes & Offerings Diaconate  
*Offering trays will be passed in the pews.*

\*Doxology CH #47  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication Don Malan

Call to Communion Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn CH #420 (1,3,5)  
 “I Come with Joy”

Words of Institution Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer Don Malan

Distribution of the Elements Diaconate  
*Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Benediction Sharla Hulsey  
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

\*Closing Hymn CH #484 (1)  
 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

\* Please rise as able

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey  
**Elder:** Don Malan  
**Deacons:** Kathy Wood,  
 Peggy Thomas

**Greeter:** Carol Roberts  
**Scripture Reader:** Lyssa Lile  
**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn  
**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **OUTREACH MISSION**  
 This March, we will be supporting the Community Food Pantry with donations of boxed or bagged cereal, cereal bars, granola, and oatmeal. Bring donations to the church throughout the month. Thank you!
- **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN**  
 The Stewardship Committee started a “Ketch-up” campaign to help replenish the FCC reserve fund. The goal is \$20,000. Please note on your donation that it is for the “Ketch-Up” campaign.
- **ELDERS MEETING** - Sunday, March 10 after worship
- **BOARD MEETING** - Sunday, March 17 after worship
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ** - Tuesday, March 19 @ 5:30 p.m.

**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Mar. 10:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Elders Meeting</b> Life Group
Wednesday, Mar. 13:	5:30 p.m.	<b>Lenten Service @</b> <b>Church of the Nazarene</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Mar. 15:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Mar. 17:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Tuesday, Mar. 19:	5:30 p.m.	<b>Community Café</b>
Wednesday, Mar. 20:	5:30 p.m.	<b>Lenten Service @</b> <b>Church of the Nazarene</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Mar. 22:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies