



first united methodist church of longview  
*“A beacon of hope for all”*



## March 8, 2020 | Second Sunday in Lent

**Welcome to our guests:** We hope you find this service meaningful and that you will come again. Nursery care is available for infants and small children during worship and Sunday School Youngsters through age five (kindergarten) can also go to the nursery following the Children’s Moment.

*\*People standing, as able*

### Ringling of the Tower Bells

### Prelude

### The Life of the Church

Jay Jackson

*Please register your attendance at this time and check in on Facebook!*

### Children’s Sunday School Teacher Recognition (10:45)

### \*Passing the Peace

*As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

### \*Greeting

Nathan Firmin

Pastor: The grace of our Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### \*Call to Worship

*based on Psalm 51*

Pastor: May your love and mercy be upon us today, O Lord.

People: **Cleanse and refresh us from every transgression.**

Pastor: Let your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits,

People: **and the recreating power of your Spirit make us new.**

All: **Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** Come, Thou Almighty King UMH 61

**Sacrament of Baptism (10:45)** UMH 39

Cole Haines Jackson  
 Parents are Brittany and Joshua Jackson

**Offertory Prayer** Jay Jackson

*You can text your offering to FUMC at our secure financial system—903.417.0707  
 (Initial set up takes 5 minutes)*

**Offertory (8:30)** “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” Carl F. Mueller  
 Cornerstone Ensemble

(10:50) “Create in Me a Clean Heart” Allen Pote  
 Chancel Choir

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, uphold me with thy free spirit.  
 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted  
 unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God.*

### \*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.**

**\*Morning Prayer** Nathan Firmin

**O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who  
 have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent  
 hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable  
 truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the  
 Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever, world with-  
 out end. Amen**

**\*Hymn of Meditation** Trust and Obey UMH 467

**Children’s Moment** Loren Buchanan

*Children may meet Loren in the Chancel area.*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer** Jay Jackson

**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.**

### Two Readings from the New Testament

1 John 1:5-10 Page 224 N.T.  
 Acts 3:17-20 Page 113 N.T.

Lay Reader: (8:30) Terry Winn (10:45) Sydney King

Lay Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Facing the Truth and Turning” Jay Jackson

### \*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
 And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
 Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the  
 Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and  
 the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the  
 communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
 body, and the life everlasting. 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. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Invitation** The Church’s One Foundation UMH 545

**\*Sending Forth** Jay Jackson

### \*Postlude