

Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church

Worship: 9:30 AM

Pastor- Jeffery White
Lay Leader- Christine "Chris" Mosig
Pianist- Catherine Medovich

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

March 5, 2026--- Prayer meeting" 7pm on Zoom

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March 12, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

March 19, 2026--- Prayer meeting" 7pm on Zoom

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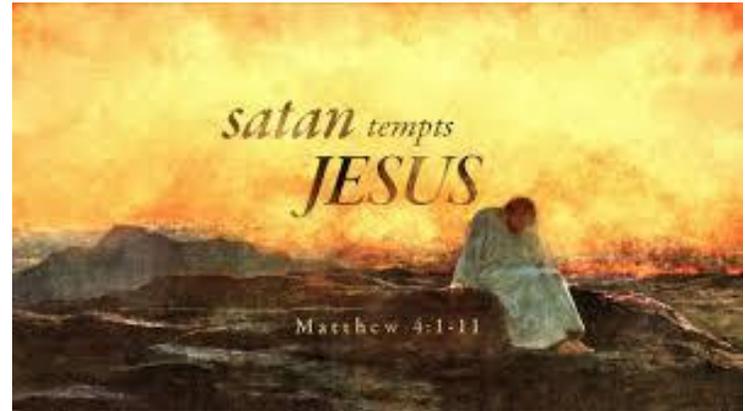
March 26, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

March 27, 2026--- SAS meeting 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

March 29, 2026---Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5, 2026--- Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service—Halesford UMC 7:15 AM followed by breakfast
- Easter morning service—Epworth UMC 9:30 AM



WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH
February 22, 2026

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Sue Hauptert-Johnson, Presiding Bishop

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2026

*The Mission of the United Methodist Church:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAISE HYMN

Hymn No. 2088 (TFWS) “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMN

Hymn No 269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

When we confess our transgressions, Christ’s grace and forgiveness encompass us.

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Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

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UNISON PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God, we seek the freedom found in the grace we receive through Christ Jesus. We seek to know more fully your great love. Turn us from our temptations. Inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ, that as we examine our lives and live out these days, we may become examples of your abundant love for all people. May your Divine Spirit tend us as angels attended Jesus in the wilderness, and may we feel revived and sustained to follow Jesus. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORIAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

May the grace, the steadfast love, and the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please offer one another a sign of Christ’s love and peace.

TO HEAR THE WORD

1st Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

2nd Lesson: Psalm 32:1-11

3rd Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

4th Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11**

Lectionary Reading * Sermon Lesson*

+JUNIOR CHURCH

Hymn No. 191”Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” v.1

+ Children are invited to follow teachers to Junior Church

TITHES AND OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 95 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

HYMN OF PREPARATION,

Hymn No. 534 “Be Still, My Soul”

SERMON

Pastor Jeff

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED No. 881

*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 378 “Amazing Grace” vv. 1-4

* BENEDICTION

And so now go—knowing that God’s steadfast love surrounds you, knowing that Christ leads through your temptations, knowing that the Holy Spirit tends you with care.

Go in peace.

Stay in Courage. Amen.

Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World

*please stand if able