

Liturgy for Worship  
February 23, 2025  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come to the Lord, our strong fortress and deliverer.

All: Let us find refuge in God's shadow.

One: God will protect you; under the Lord's wings you will find refuge.

All: From snares, terror, and destruction.

One: Seek the Lord and the Lord's dwelling place,

All: That we may hear and follow.

One: Call on the name of the Lord in trust and worship.

All: All praise to our Refuge and Strength.

Marcus King

Congregational Hymn "What Is This Place"

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, the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Pastor Michael

Special Music

Scripture Reading Luke 6:27-38

Sermon Yes, Even Them

Marcus King

Pastor Michael

Congregational Hymn "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

**Communion**

*All are welcome without any test of faith*

Invitation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn "You Satisfy The Hungry Heart"

Pastor Michael

Marcus King

**Communion Distributed**

*Gluten free bread is available. Let the deacon know you would like it.*

Words of Institution

Benediction

Postlude

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Michael

*If you would like to join Hilton Christian Church, you may speak to the pastor about  
Membership, or come forward during the singing of the congregational hymn.*

*Hilton Christian Church Services Are Livestreamed*

# HILTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



February 20th 2025



## PASTOR'S P O S T S

I had a lovely weekend in Roanoke. I was able to spend time with Judy Willard and other friends. Judy and I attended church at Metropolitan Community Church of the Blue Ridge. It was a comfortable and welcoming place. The congregation prayed for Hilton CC as part of the song time. I was able to join you via Facebook; what a blessing that this service is available.

### March 2 Silent Sanctuary: a Time for Grief, Healing, and Hope

In conversation with members of the congregation individually and in groups, I have become aware of how many of you need a time and place to process the overwhelming feelings of the past weeks. On Sunday, March 2 Michael and I will set the sanctuary for a special time of processing the spiritual and emotional hurts. We will begin with an opportunity to learn to use breath prayer as we pray the Lord's Prayer. After that we will use several stations to identify places of grief and pain and to claim healing and hope.

This time will have some of the same components as the Longest Night service. This includes breath prayer, the lighting of candles, communion, and the opportunity for anointing and prayer by one of the pastors. This service is designed to be participatory, but you decide how you participate; if you want to simply come and sit in the sacred space that is fine.

### Secure Apps

I would like to suggest that as many of the congregation who would choose, but especially church leaders, install the texting app called "Signal." This texting option offers encrypted texting which could become important if our members and friends in marginalized communities become targets. This site is, at this time, not easy for anyone to monitor. Bluesky is a social networking app not owned by Meta, if you are interested.

### Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. There will be Drive Thru Ashes from 12-1. This year, instead of an Ash Wednesday service in the evening, Michael will preside over an open time of meditation, ashes, and communion. The Sanctuary will be open from 6-8 pm and everyone is welcome to come by for ashes and communion. You are welcome to stay for a few minutes or for the entire 2 hours.

We will be offering a Facebook live devotion once each week on Wednesday. The first will be Ash Wednesday, March 5 and then there will be one each Wednesday through Lent. The plan is to air them at noon.

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### Disaster Preparedness

One of the things that I would like to do is start a cupboard for disaster needs. If you would like to donate 1 pound packages of dried beans or rice, please, bring them to the church. I am specifically asking for only the small packages. I would also like to get a stockpile of gallon bottles of water. There are a number of disaster preparedness things that we will be doing. Please, bring things to church and leave them by my office. If you have questions, please email or call me.

### Week of Compassion

I am getting my house ready to sell which means that my craft room is being sorted and packed. I have cards available but will likely not be making more any time soon. If you would like to purchase cards to support WOC, they will be available in the Fellowship Hall the Lenten Sundays of March (9, 16, 23, and 30) Offerings will be taken February 23 or anytime you choose to give.

Blessings,  
Pastor Natalie

## All Fools Birthday Party and Fundraiser



Save the Date:  
Tuesday, April 1  
6-9pm

Hilton Christian Church Fellowship  
Hall

Fundraiser for Pastoring the City  
Details to follow!

# Out and About Gatherings

**Sunday March 23**

**5:00pm-7:00pm**

**Craft / Game night**

We will be collecting items to place in care baskets for shut-ins who cannot make it to church. Some examples of items:

- Puzzle books
- Seek & Find word books
- Coffee mugs
- Tumblers
- Fake or real flowers
- Etc..



**Sunday April 29**

**5:00pm-7:00pm**

**Care Baskets / Game Night**

We will be filling the Care Baskets with items collected.

# NFL 2025

YOU'RE INVITED AND

BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!

**FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

**1 PM – 4 PM**

**CATHEDRAL WORD MINISTRY**

100 JAMES RIVER DRIVE

NEWPORT NEWS VA 23601

Pastor Natalie will be a speaker for this event!

JOIN US FOR A TAILGATE AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE PROGRAM.



## Elders On Call

Feb 21 Marcus King  
Feb 28 Susie Mowry  
Mar 7 Mary Kayaselcuk



February 23rd

There will be a reception following Michael's Installation service. There is a need for help in the kitchen and with food. If you can share your time and cooking talents please let Jean Putnam know.

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Thrive will celebrate now being open on Saturdays!

Churches are requested to bring pantry items on Saturday March 1st. Lets fill our basket for that event and show Thrive some love and thanksgiving! Help out the community and your neighbors.

# MARCH

*Forward*

# DONATION DAY



Can't make it,  
DONATE  
Online



@ SAT, MARCH 1  
9AM-12PM  
12749 NETTLES DR

LET'S MARCH FORWARD INTO OUR NEW SATURDAY MARKET HOURS!  
JOIN US FOR A DAY OF GIVING, COMMUNITY, AND COFFEE

**BRING FOOD DONATIONS TO STOCK THE MARKET**

**SPREAD THE WORD - LET'S MARCH FORWARD TOGETHER!**

# You are cordially invited to attend the Installation of Michael Burnett

as associate pastor at  
Hilton Christian Church

Sunday

February 23rd  
2025 at 2pm

There will be a reception  
following the service



Clergy invited to wear red or  
rainbow stoles, robes, albs,  
or business attire

Smart casual attire requested for  
all other attendees

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