



# Hilton Christian Church



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## Elders on Call For Thursdays and Fridays

February 23-24 Gina Stump  
March 02-03 James Reeder  
March 09-10 Ceci Mazaitis  
March 16-17 Gina Stump

## Zoom Prayer Meetings

February 25, 2023 at 11:00 am

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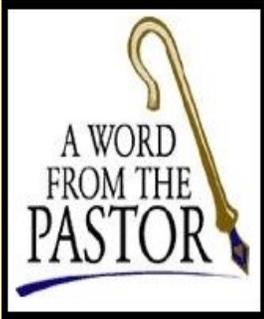
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## Welcome to Lent



**Week of Compassion** We continue to take our annual offering for Week of Compassion. This goes to support the ongoing benevolent work of the Disciples of Christ. We are also accepting special offering for Syria and Turkey for earthquake relief.

**Season of Lent** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and goes to Easter. This season of 40 days is actually 46 days long. The Sundays are in Lent but not of Lent, that is, Sundays are not actually Lent, they are **little** Easters.

This year the focus of Lenten worship will be the choir cantata, *The Tenebrae*. This will be divided into sections so that we progress through the cantata in the first five weeks of Lent. The sermons will lift up the theme of the cantata each week.

The Tenebrae goes from light through darkness to light; we will go through the events of Holy Week in five weeks. Then we will do it in one day on Palm/Passion Sunday. Palm/Passion Sunday will have a several special pieces that will showcase the gifts and graces of several members of the congregation.

**Lenten Devotions and Devotionals** The first Lenten devotion will be on **Monday, February 27th** at 11am on Facebook live. For those unable to join live, the devotion is recorded and will be available on Facebook for you to view at your leisure starting about 5 minutes after the devotion ends. Devotional reading lists for Lent are available in the narthex.

### **Ice Cream Social and Fellowship**

The monthly LGBTQIA+ gathering was an ice cream social this month. We had 15 people in attendance; they played games, visited, or worked on a jigsaw puzzle. It was fun to welcome 4 visitors.

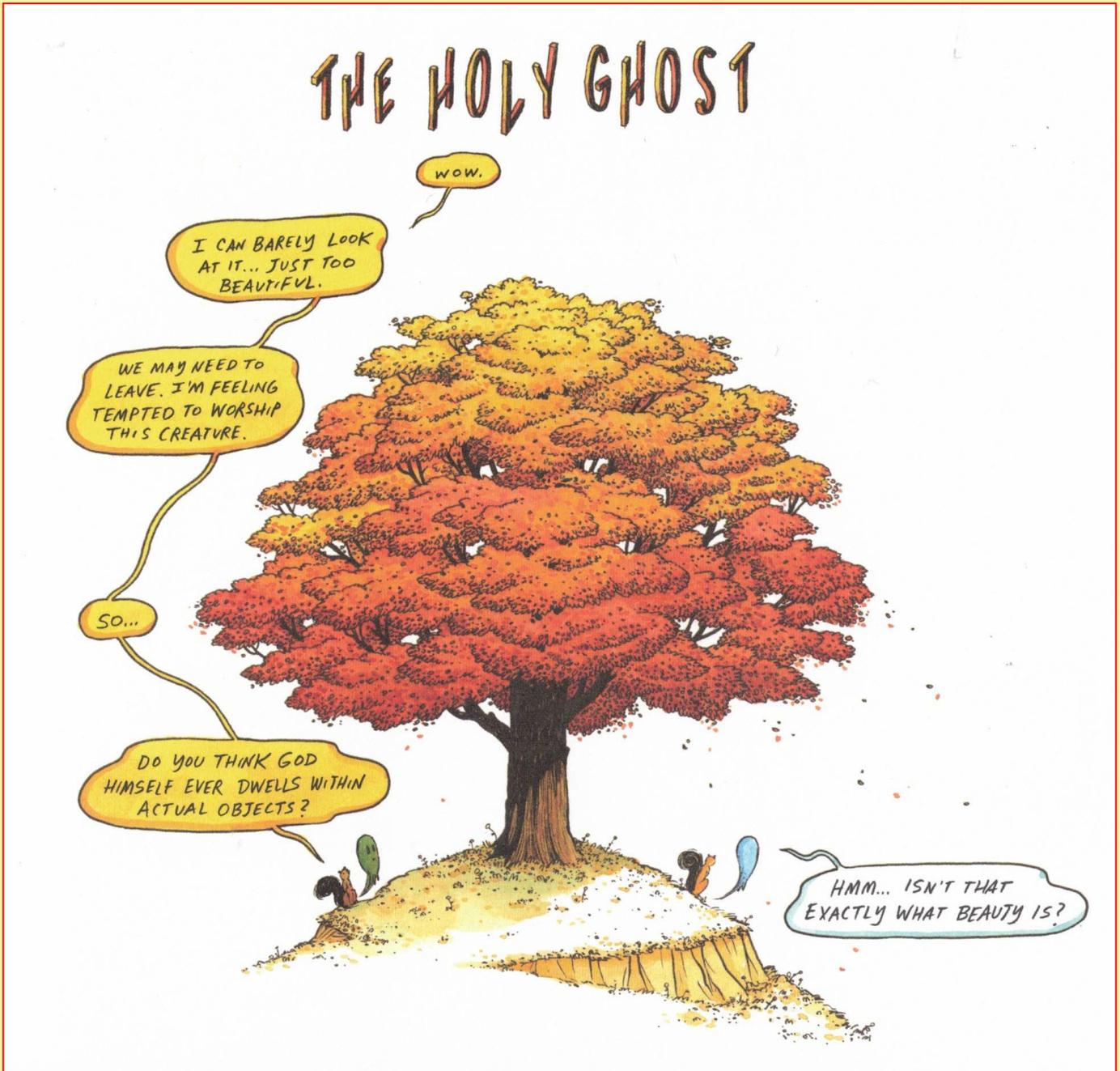


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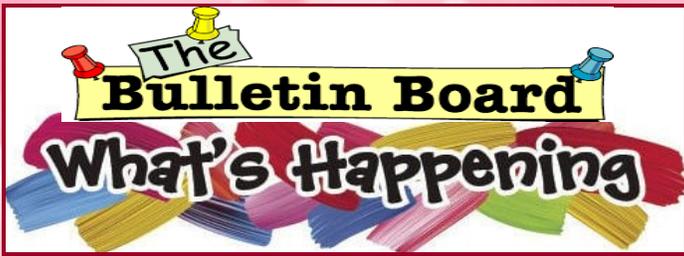
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**Lenten Studies**

I was gifted one of the most fascinating books I've seen in a long time and probably the most fascinating book of theology ever. I plan to be in the **conference room at noon on Wednesday every week through Easter** in order to talk about this book with anyone who shows up. I'll be starting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Come, bring your lunch and join me. If you want to come by Zoom you will need to let me know by **Saturday, February 25**, so that I can set up the Zoom.



**Blessings,**  
*Pastor Natalie*



**Feb 26 First Sunday in Lent  
Week Of Compassion Special  
Offering**

**Feb 27 Lenten Devotional 11am FB Live**

**Mar 01 Bible Study 12pm Conf Rm**

**Mar 05 Silent Sanctuary 2-4pm**

## Black History Month Event

As part of our ongoing efforts to educate ourselves towards the goal of joyful inclusion, Trinity Lutheran Church is offering an educational event in recognition of Black History Month. We will be joining together on Monday, February 27 at 6:30 in the social hall to view the documentary "Let the World See." "Let the World See" is centered around Mamie Till-Mobley's fight to bring her son, Emmett's, body home to Chicago after he was murdered. We will watch the documentary together and then engage in discussion after. Please feel free to bring drinks and snacks to enjoy during viewing.

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## 2023 Ninth Annual One City Marathon March 4th and 5th



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How will this effect getting to HCC for service Sunday morning? The quick answer is that access will be available to our church throughout the morning, even while the race is taking place. The traffic control plan will be in place as early as 6AM, and the last runner is slated to pass by HCC as late as 12:40 PM.

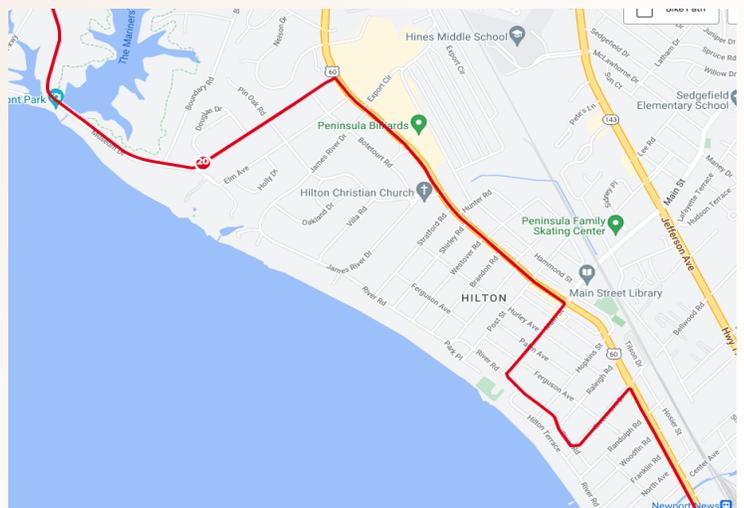
There will be a Newport News Police Officer located at the intersection of James River Drive and Warwick Blvd helping traffic to enter and exit the neighborhood as breaks in the runners allow. This should be very frequent as by this point in the run, the runners are pretty well spread out, and the bulk of runners will have passed by our church much earlier.

### Recommendations for travel to Hilton Christian:

- Anyone traveling to church from **INSIDE** the neighborhood (Hilton, Brandon Heights, WOJ, even the Riverside/Hidden area) should use neighborhood roads and avoid Warwick. This will keep them out of most, if not all, of the traffic control that will be in place for the event.
- Those traveling in from other areas: Avoid Warwick, and use Jefferson Avenue to Main St.- Make the **RIGHT** on Warwick from Main, and then the **LEFT** at James River to the church with the help of the officer at that location.
- Leave 15 or so minutes earlier than normal just to give yourself extra time. As long as you follow the first two points, there should be very few delays. The only exceptions might be if you live in a neighborhood further to the north that is also along the route.

Consider coming out to our corner to support the One City Marathon runners and celebrate our community.

You can find complete information about the events happening during the marathon weekend, by going to the website:



<https://www.onecitymarathon.com>

**Liturgy for Worship**  
**February 26, 2023**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Gina Stump**

One: When we worry that God couldn't possibly know us or care for us,

**All: God replies through the prophet Isaiah:**

One: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?"

**All: Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands. Amen**

**Congregational Hymn** *"God's Love Made Visible"*

**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.*

**Cantata**

**Tenebrae**

**Chancel Choir**

**Scripture** Micah 5:2, John 1:1-9

**Sermon** The Irony of Light and Dark in Lent

**Gina Stump**

**Pastor Natalie**

**Communion**

**Meditation**

**Communion Hymn** *"Bread of the World"*

**Prayer for Bread and Cup**

**Gina Stump**

**Communion Distributed**

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

**Words of Institution**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Pastor Natalie**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*Hilton Christian Church Services Are Livestreamed*

*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*