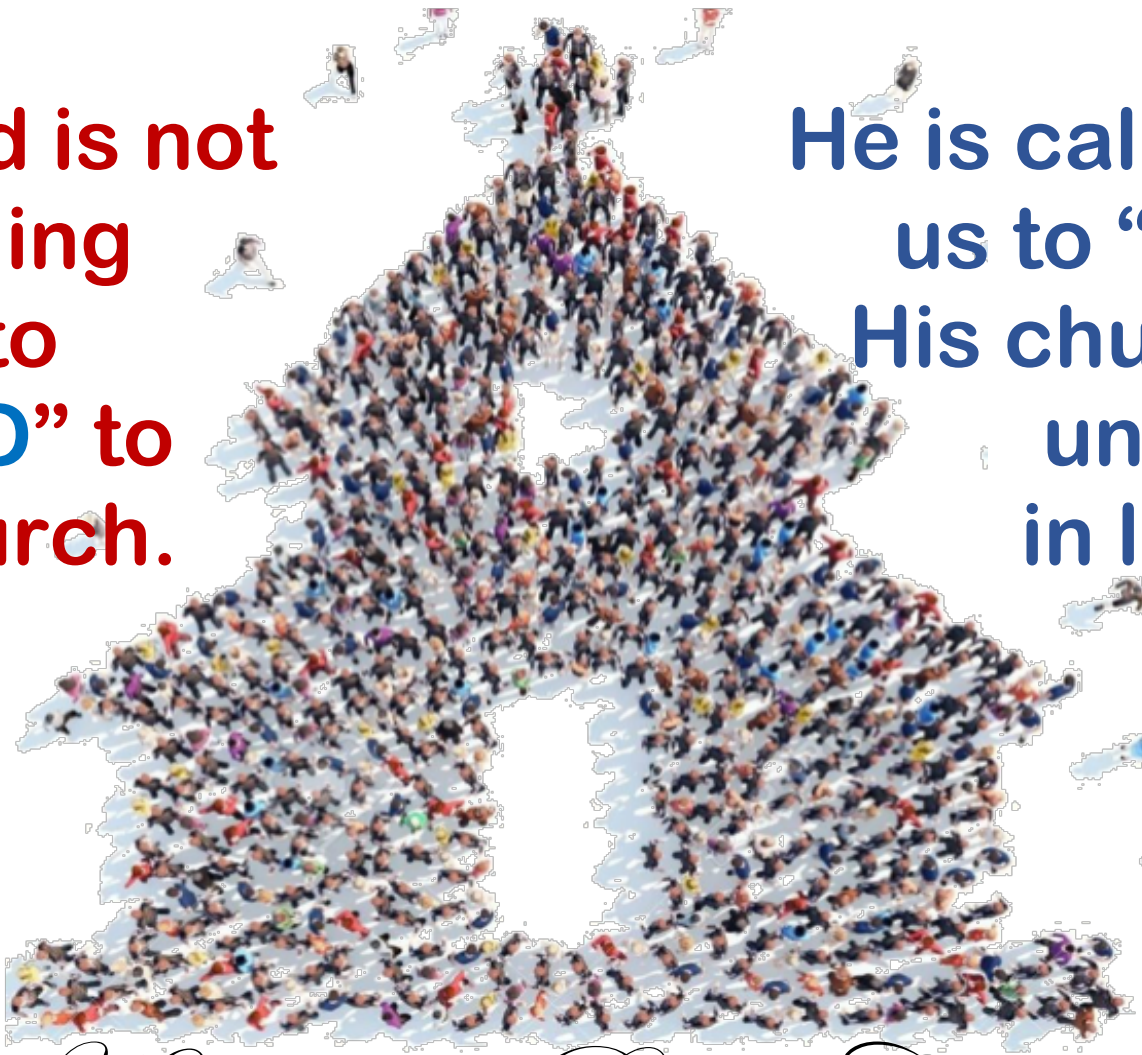


God is not
calling
us to
“GO” to
church.

He is calling
us to “BE”
His church,
united
in love.



Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship!

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Order of Worship

Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.

Preparation:

When we speak of God's calling, we usually refer to an individual activity. Did you know that God has a calling also for the collective people of God? – Dave Pepler

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Arr: Lani Smith

Choral Call to Worship

I Love You, Lord

I LOVE YOU, LORD

Welcome and Announcements

Dave Pepler

Hymn * 390

We Are Called to Be God's People AUSTRIAN HYMN

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace;
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.

Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own.

Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in His world today,
Taking His own task upon us all His sacred words obey.

Let us rise then to His summons, dedicate to Him our all,

That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light.

Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,

That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

Scripture Reading

John 15: 12 - 17

Harriet Dawson

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Pastor’s Prayer

Dave Pepler

Offertory Hymn * 293

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

ADELAIDE

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me."
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
Jesus calls us- by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call;
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

Offertory Prayer Dave Pepler

Offertory *Offertoire* arr: Roger C. Wilson

Doxology

Choral Anthem *We Will Be a Shelter for Each Other* T. Long/A. Pote

Sermon Text Ephesians 4: 1 - 6 Dave Pepler

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Sermon *“The Origins of God’s Calling”* Dave Pepler

Invitation Hymn * † 316 *Jesus Is Tenderly Calling* CALLING TODAY

Jesus is tenderly calling thee home, calling today, calling today;
Why from the sunshine of love wilt thou roam farther and farther away?
Calling today, calling today; Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.

Jesus is calling the weary to rest, calling today, calling today,
Bring Him thy burden and thou shalt be blest; He will not turn thee away.
Calling today, calling today; Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.

Jesus is waiting; O come to Him, now, waiting today, waiting today;
Come with thy sins; at His feet lowly bow; come and no longer delay.
Calling today, calling today; Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.

Jesus is pleading; O list to his voice; hear Him today, hear Him today;
They who believe on His name shall rejoice; quickly arise and away.
Calling today, calling today; Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.

Benediction Dave Pepler

Postlude *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Gladden & Smith

Chimes



* If you are able, please stand.

† If you have decided to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or join the Kilmarnock Baptist Church family, you may signal that by coming forward to meet the minister during the final hymn.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS:

It is time to order Easter flowers to beautify our sanctuary. Diane Gray has ordered 12 potted daffodils at \$18.00 each, and 12 potted tulips at \$18.00 each. Please fill out an order form and place it into one of the boxes in the vestibule or on the table by the side door, or contact Janet in the office (804) 435-1703. (Lilies are not available this year.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: – *Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

TODAY – Lunch and fellowship after worship service, hosted by Mary Ann Crane and Margaret Headley, then FOCUS Group with Pastor Dave

Deacons Meeting - Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00 am

Kilmarnock Garden Club - Tuesday, March 19th at 11:15 am

Church Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 19th at 2:00 pm

Pastor Dave Pepler is preaching at the Community Lenten Service on Wednesday, March 20th at noon, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 435 E. Church St.

Food Pantry – Wednesday, March 20th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Men's Bible Study – Thursdays at 9:30 am

Pastor Search Committee - Thursdays, at 4:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Dinner – Thurs., March 28th at 5:30pm – Please remember to sign up!



WHAT'S NEXT:

Next week is Palm Sunday. - How did Jesus manage to maintain a sense of humility in all he did? Even during the "Triumphant Entrance" to Jerusalem, he chose not to follow the traditions of kings. What should this teach us? Please join us next Sunday for the sermon titled "*Low Rider*".

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER:

Dinner will be held on March 28th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a Worship Service at 6:30 pm. Please sign up, using one of the RSVP slips, and place it in the red box outside of the sanctuary, or call the church office at (804) 435-1703, to let us know how many will be attending. The deadline for signing up is next Sunday, Mar. 24th.



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