

Sunday Worship at Skyline United Methodist Church

March 23, 2025

The Gathering

Welcome!	RA
Worship Set:	
Call to worship in song!	Band
Announcements	
Worship Set: Congregational singing!	Band
Psalm 63: 1-4 NIRV	
Message for our young disciples	RA
Prayer for Worship	Annabelle

The Word

Scripture Matthew 12: 1-14

One Sabbath day Jesus walked through the grainfields. His disciples were hungry. So, they began to break off some heads of grain and eat them. The Pharisees saw this. They said to Jesus, "Look! It is against the Law to do this on the Sabbath day. But your disciples are doing it anyway!" Jesus answered, "Haven't you read about what David did? He and his men were hungry. So he entered the house of God. He and his men ate the holy bread. Only priests were allowed to eat it. Haven't you read the Law? It tells how every Sabbath day the priests in the temple have to do their work on that day. But they are not considered guilty. I tell you that something more important than the temple is here. Scripture says, 'I want mercy and not sacrifice.' ([Hosea 6:6](#)) You don't know what those words mean. If you did, you would not bring charges against those who are not guilty. The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath day." Going on from that place, Jesus went into their synagogue. A man with a weak and twisted hand was there. The Pharisees were trying to accuse Jesus of a crime. So they asked him, "Does the Law allow us to heal on the Sabbath day?" He said to them, "What if one of your sheep falls into a pit on the Sabbath day? Won't you take hold of it and lift it out? A person is worth more than sheep! So, the Law allows us to do good on the Sabbath day." Then Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So, he stretched it out. It had been made as good as new. It was just as good as the other hand. But the Pharisees went out and planned how to kill Jesus.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Message:

Pastor Ruthann

Invitation & Offering

Offering Prayer:

Communion help: Ivan

Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. (Luke 13:1-9).

The Sending:

May God bless you with the hope to cling to God, knowing that in the highs and lows, the joys and the sorrows, the known and unknown of this life, God's love never fails. Thanks be to God!

And all God's people say:

AMEN! Thanks be to God!

And at Skyline we say:

Our worship is over, let the service begin!

Sending Song:

Band

Go in peace and *live* the church. See you throughout the week!

3 Ways to Give @ Skyline

Credit Card or Bank Account (ACH) - My Well
skylineumcde.mywell.org/give

Online

Cash

Check

Mail checks to:
Skyline Church
3100 Skyline Drive
Wilmington, DE 19808

The graphic shows three ways to give: Online (with a screenshot of the My Well website), Cash (with a stack of bills), and Check (with a screenshot of a check from Skyline Church dated March 9, 2025, for \$10.00, payable to Skyline Church, with the pastor's signature and the church's MICR line).

Announcements

Meetings this week: (Please email the office if you need to coordinate a time to be in the building!)

Monday 3/24

6:00 AA: Main St Big Book group

Tuesday 3/25

7:00 Disciple Bible Study

7:00 Una Esperanza meeting

Wednesday 3/26

3:30 open office hours

6:00 Wednesday Women's study

7:00 Freedom Group (AA)

Thursday 3/27

7:00pm Praise Practice

7:30pm AA

Friday 3/28

Pastor Ruthann Sabbath

8:00pm Friday Night AA group

Saturday 3/29

9:00am Una Esperanza worship

5:00 Una Esperanza youth program

Sunday 3/30

10:00am Worship

Hey Skyline family!
 Our website, <https://skylinechurch.net/>, has been updated with more content and fresh info— check it out! 🖨️
 We want it to be as helpful and accurate as possible, so if you have any suggestions or spot anything that needs editing, please reach out to Kim McWatters. Thanks for helping us make our site even better! 💙

Covenant Discipleship Group has partnered with the VA Medical Center (Elsmere) to help bring food assistance to local Veterans!



March focus for giving:

- Canned Tuna | Tuna Salad Snack Kits | Canned Chicken
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Canned Vegetables (e.g., Carrots, Green Beans, Spinach)
- Cereal (Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Honey Nut Cheerios, Cheerios)
- Granola Bars (e.g., Cliff Bars, Quaker Chewy Bars)
- Belvita Breakfast Biscuits
- Protein Bars

Questions: Norm Holt, Ivan Turner, Scot Stetka, or Emily Ilyas.
Dropoff container in the Involvement Center

Egg Stuffing Lunch

Join us after church to **STUFF PLASTIC EGGS WITH CANDY!**
 We'll feed you too... hoagies, chips, cookies, etc.
 Sunday, April 6, 2025 - After Worship

Candy donations (small, individually wrapped) will be collected through April 6



S.A.F.E. SAFETY AND FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT

- Handrails and adhesive safety tape for step edges for the worship platform and sound booth
- Restriping the parking lot and adding three accessible parking spots
- Four armchairs in the sanctuary for people needing extra support
- Reflectors or solar lighting for parking lot entrances
- New water fountain with a bottle-filling station
- Directional and elevator signage
- Emergency lighting in stairwells
- Closet lighting



Summer is coming!

We would like to offer VBS Saturday August 9th as a one-day VBS, but we need you! To offer this well and safely we need to be sure there are enough of us to make this happen. Please let Jenn Fisher or Pastor Ruthann know if you can help!

Benefits The Clothing Bank of Delaware, a Friendship House ministry

CLOTHING DRIVE
 ~ THIS LENT ~
 Let's do some spring cleaning!
 Drop your gently used clothing at church and we'll deliver them to The Clothing Bank for you.





Offered as outreach to the community for drop off **9AM -12 Noon April 5 April 12** (Easter Bunny will be at this drop off!)

LENTEN MISSION

S.A.F.E. SAFETY AND FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT

Each year during Lent, we come together to improve and upgrade our facility. Will you join us in making this year's enhancements possible?

GOAL: \$10,000



Contact Pastor Ruthann or Tom Good with questions

Holy Thursday
 April 17, 2025
 6:00 P.M. Fellowship Meal
 7:00 Service
 learn about the seder plate

WE WILL PROVIDE A NON-KOSHER, LIGHT MEAL
 If you can attend the Fellowship Meal, please sign-up in the foyer or with the QR code below





Easter Egg Hunt to go

Photos with the Easter Bunny - kids, adults, pets welcome

Receive a goody bag with plastic eggs, candy, and a lesson on Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Skyline Church
 3100 Skyline Drive - Pike Creek Lower Parking Lot



