

SONORA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 Worship

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

PASTOR'S WELCOME

God is Good – **ALL THE TIME!**

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WELCOME TO ALL - Please be sure to sign the attendance register located in each pew.

**If you are a visitor, please provide your mailing address so that we may send you a personal letter of welcome.**

*To reach Pastor Mark Brechin, please call (830) 931-1440.*

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121: 1,2,7 & 8

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

\*HYMN OF JOY

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH 117(1-3 & 6)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 882

OFFERING

USHERS and ACOLYTES

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

CENTERING SONG

“Were You There”

UMH 288 vs. 2

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. AMEN.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-10

\*GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

WITNESS TO GOD'S WORD

Rev. Mark Brechin

“Follow the Wind”

\*HYMN OF FAITH

“Where He Leads Me”

UMH 338

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We gather not because of what we have done but because of Jesus Christ. Acknowledging that we have all fallen short of the glory of God, let us renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness and repent of our sin.

*We acknowledge that we are burdened by our own brokenness and the brokenness of the world. Forgive us of those times when we have allowed that brokenness to enter into our relationship with You and with our neighbors. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. AMEN.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND GIVING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**LORD, by your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*You are encouraged to consider God's calling upon your life. Should you desire to answer that call through membership in this congregation, please come forward as we sing...*

\*HYMN OF INVITATION  
\*BENEDICTION

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UMH 664  
Pastor Mark Brechin

\*Stand, as able

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS – The Faith We Sing  
Rev. Mark Brechin, Pastor

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS – March 2nd - March 8th  
(FUMC Events in Bold)**

**MON. 3/2**

**Methodist Day School**  
**SHS Lady Bronco Golf @ Comfort**  
**UMW @ 5PM**

**TUES. 3/3**

**SHS Baseball @ Hawley**  
**SHS Softball @ Sonora vs. Brady**

**WED. 3/4**

**Methodist Day School**  
**Lenten Lunch**  
**SHS Bronco Golf @ Comfort**

**THURS. 3/5**

**SHS Powerlifting @ Brady**  
**SHS Track @ Ozona**

**FRI. 3/6**

**SISD 3PM Release**  
**SHS Softball @ Sonora vs. Ozona**  
**SHS Baseball @ LLano**  
**SHS Team Tennis @ Abilene**  
**SMS Track @ Ozona**

**SAT. 3/7**

**SHS Team Tennis @ Abilene**  
**SHS Powerlifting @ Big Lake Girls**

**SUN. 3/8**

**One Board Meeting 9:45AM**  
**Worship Service @ 11AM**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**


Kason Archer	3/3	Elizabeth Griffin	3/4
Zachary Kerbow	3/3	Olivia Araujo	3/5
Hanna Blesing	3/3	Izzy Love	3/6

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**LONG-TERM  
PRAYER REQUESTS**

TJ Harris	Randy Murphy
Randy Slater	Darla McKissack
Kash Nelson	Flood Victims
Ken Nelson	



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