#### JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Edd Spencer THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Prayer cards are in the pews March 5, 2023 Rev. Edd Spencer PASTORAL PRAYER THE BLESSING OF GATHERING STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE Ed Guindon PRELUDE "The Old Rugged Cross" Margaret Cox Giving of Tithes, Worship Leader Pianist Offerings "God So Loved the World" Offertory Margaret Cox **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Ed Guindon **Pianist** Worship Leader \*Doxology Hymn 48 **\*INVITING WORDS TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) \*Offertory Prayer The road to the cross may be steep -Ed Guindon Journey on Worship Leader THE GIFT FROM JESUS We may lose our way -Listen for inner direction **INVITATION TO COMMUNION** Rev. Edd Spencer The path may be rocky -Walk lightly COMMUNION Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer Sara Simon There are twists and turns -**Follow closely** PRAYER Elder There is danger and risk -Be alert, stay focused WORDS OF Hear the words of Jesus when He said, "Take and eat, this is Walk on -Trusting Jesus on the wondrous cross **INSTITUTION** my body, broken for you. Take and drink, this is the cup of the covenant poured out for you." \*HYMN OF "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 195 *Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you individually* Verses 1, 2 & 4 PRAISE wrapped communion elements. Please partake of communion together when the pastor says "take eat and take **\*INVITING** Ed Guindon drink" PRAYER Worship Leader SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS Sara Simon EXTINGUISHING THE SECOND LENTEN CANDLE "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise." Elder **\*CLOSING** "Have Thine Own Way Lord" Hymn 588 HYMN Verses 1-3 THE GIFT OF THE WORD **\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer Rev. Edd Spencer **CHILDREN'S MOMENT SCRIPTURE** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (NT p. 5 and 6) Ed Guindon POSTLUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Margaret Cox Worship Leader Pianist \*Congregation standing – as able or willing **SERMON** "The St. Andrew's Cross Rev. Edd Spencer The Cross of Humility" We welcome all our guests who are worshipping with us today at Valley Christian Church. We hope **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD** that you find it a meaningful experience and that you will come our way again soon. Please join us in the parlor after the service for a time of coffee and fellowship. \*HYMN OF "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Hymn 587 **DEDICATION** All Verses

## Life in the Valley

- Sunday, Mar 5Second Sunday in Lent The St. Andrew's CrossFood Pantry Sunday Peas and Beans canned or driedHoly Week Devotionals.are due
- Monday, Mar 6 Voice Deadline 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
- Tuesday, Mar 78:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship)<br/>6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
- Wednesday, Mar 811:30am Brown Bag Luncheon (Parlor)<br/>12:00pm Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, Mar 9 10:30am Disciples Women (Parlor)
- Friday, Mar 10 3:00pm ESQG Workshop (Fellowship)
- Saturday, Mar 11 3:00pm ESQG Workshop (Fellowship)
- Sunday, Mar 12 Third Sunday in Lent – The Jerusalem Cross Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward 10:00am Elders' Prayers 12:00pm Elders' Meeting John Gregory's Birthday

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday Pastor Edd's office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Wednesday

### Today's Servers

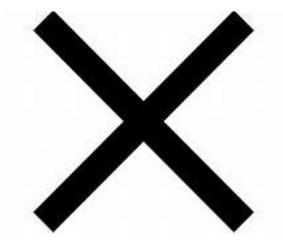
WORSHIP LEADER: Ed Guindon ELDER: Sara Simon DEACONS/GREETER: Team 2 – Captain: Peggi Zinser Members: Carol Speed, Clarence Sellers and Ted Stuckenschneider OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Peggi Zinser COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Judy Sellers

#### Wednesday Lenten Service

This Wednesday, March 8<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am, is our Brown Bag Lunch and Lenten Worship Service. Please bring your lunch and special dessert will be provided after lunch. At 12:00noon we will gather in the sanctuary for worship. This year is "The Sounds of the Passion". This Wednesday we will hear the sounds of Jesus washing the feet of the Disciples.. Invite a friend.

# Valley Christian Church

The Lenten Crosses Sermon Series Second Sunday in Lent *March 5, 2023* 



## St. Andrew's Cross

The cross of Saint Andrew is the symbol for martyrdom and humility. It consists of crossed beams which are diagonally placed in the shape of an X. The cross of St. Andrew is found on the national flags of Great Britain and Scotland as well as the state flag of Alabama. The symbol of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a red chalice bearing the X shaped cross of St. Andrew. Andrew was the first apostle to join Jesus and has the special distinction of being the first to bring his own brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus. Tradition tells us that Andrew preached in Greece, where he rebuked those who worshiped idols, an act which led to his crucifixion and death. He was crucified on a cross in the shape of an X. This type of cross was used at his own request, since he did not feel worthy to die on the same type of cross as Christ. While slowly dying upon the cross, it is said that he continued to preach to those around him.