

The Worship of God

February 25, 2018 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity
Prelude

Trumpet Tune in C Major

Johnson

As the prelude begins, let us prepare silently for worship.

Ritual of Friendship (Please pass the Fellowship Pad)
Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Worship (from Psalm 145 & Mark 8)

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

All: Slow to anger and abounding in love.

One: Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

All: We take up the cross to follow him.

+ Introit *The God of Abraham Praise*

Chancel Choir

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #459 *O Word of God Incarnate*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (From *Call to Worship* - Year B)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You call us to be a blessing in the world, but we only seek our own benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we only seek to save ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things - the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

**The Gloria Patri* Hymn #581

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Old Abram Was Blest* Winfrey-Gillette/Maxwell
(*O God, in your love, a whole nation grew; You called them to be a blessing for you.*)

**The Doxology* Hymn #223 – last verse of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Prayer of Dedication

Copies of the weekly 11:00 Worship Service are available on CD in the Narthex as a courtesy to Members, Visitors, and those unable to attend

The Word

+Conversation with the Children

Joyce Winkler

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:23-31

+Anthem

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (arr. Larson) Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

“Be Blameless”

Rev. John Causey

Response to the Word

*Statement of Faith

PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

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Sections 1., 3, “We trust in in God...”, 5. and 6.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #51

To Abraham and Sarah

*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response

The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee

Chancel Choir

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand

+ 11:00 Worship Service only

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	2/25	8:30am	Early Worship – 2 nd Sunday in Lent
		9:45am	Sunday School
			Confirmation Class in Conference Room
		11:00am	Worship – 2 nd Sunday in Lent
Mon	2/26	6:30pm	Session Meeting
Tues	2/27	1-5:30pm	BLOOD DRIVE
Wed	2/28	Noon	Lenten Lunch at SPC
Thurs	3/1	6:00pm	Handbells
		7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Fri	3/2	11:00am	World Day of Prayer at Seaside United Methodist Church
Sunday	3/4	8:30am	Early Worship – 3 rd Sunday in Lent
		9:45am	Sunday School
			Confirmation Class in Conference Room
		11:00am	Worship – 3 rd Sunday in Lent

Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. – 35; 11:00a.m. – 117

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this service of Worship. Our prayer is that all will be blessed as we worship together. Visitors, please fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter as you leave worship. Thank you.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by **Peggy Hughes and her daughters: Pam, Wendy and Ann Marie** to the **Glory of God** in loving memory of **Robert Calhoun, Jr., our favorite Gamecock and his sister, Leslie Calhoun McNamara.**

The Rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of **Rich & Mabel Winslow's** granddaughter. **Caroline Curry Fitzgerald** was born in Alexandria, VA on February 16, 2018.

REMINDER ☺ The **2018 Flower Calendar** is here! **Available dates: May 27; June 17; Aug 5, 12; Sept 9, 23, 30; Oct 7, 14; Nov 4, 25 and Dec 2..** Thanks!

This week's Lenten lunch is being held in our Fellowship Hall at noon on Wednesday. Thanks to our hard working Fellowship Committee for providing this special meal. Hope you can join us.

Please pick up a copy of this year's Lenten Devotional written by members of area churches. They are on the bench in the Narthex. Also on the same bench you will find a tent card from Bread for the World to help with your Lenten Devotions.

Prayer Concerns: Bob Benjamin, Vicki Blount, Crystal Braxton, Lois Chadwick, Kat Cheves, Betty Church, Pat Dobbins, Marian Downer, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Bill Kelly, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Ann Long, Jerry McCann, Martha Miller, Frank Morrison, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Mary Sanderford, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon and Bob Williams.



Rev. John Causey, Minister causeyoib@atmc.net

Barry Auman, Director of Music

Randy Warner, Organist/Pianist

Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder

Dr. Les & Dr. Christy Morgan, Missionaries in Bangladesh

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