

The Worship of God

March 4, 2018 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Powell

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 19)

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

All: Slow to anger and abounding in love.

One: The law of the Lord revives the soul;

All: The word of God makes the simple wise.

+ Introit

We Praise You, O God

Chancel Choir

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*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 gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

**The Gloria Patri*

Hymn #581

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Cherwien

**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

Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. – 27; 11:00a.m. – 122

The Word

+Conversation with the Children

Joyce Winkler

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

(Unison Reading – Hymnal page 36)

Psalm Reading

Psalm 19

+Anthem

The Heavens Are Telling (arr. Thomson) Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

Sermon

“Travel Restrictions”

Rev. John Causey

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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8:30 Reception of New Members

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response

Threefold Amen

Chancel Choir

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand

+ 11:00 Worship Service only

We welcome new members Nick and Stephanie Bailey and their infant son Max. Stephanie joins by Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, WA and Nick joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. They live in the Rutledge subdivision in Shallotte.

Calendar for the Week

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
Mon	3/5	7:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tues	3/6	7:00pm	The Virginia Glee Club at SPC
Wed	3/7	10:00am	PWCT Meeting
		12:00pm	Lenten Lunch @ St. Luke Lutheran Church
Thurs	3/8	6:00pm	Handbells
		7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Sunday	3/11	8:30am	Early Worship – Blanket Sunday – Food Pantry Collection
		9:45am	Sunday School
			Confirmation Class in Conference Room
		11:00am	Worship – Blanket Sunday – Food Pantry Collection

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 **Douglas & Dianne Baxley, Kim, Ryan, Audrey, Declan** and **Seamus Smithwick** to the **Glory of God** in loving memory of **Kelly Anne Baxley**.

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

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 Greene, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Carolyn Jenkins, Bill Kelly, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Ann Long, Jerry McCann, Martha Miller, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Charlie Odum, 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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