

Celebration of Worship

March 1, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

Announcements
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

◆ Opening Hymn “*Everything Is Yours, Lord*”
**Ev’rything is yours, Lord; ev’rything comes from you:
all we have we offer to you. Accept our love, Lord,
we pray; receive our gifts, Lord, today.**

Welcome and Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Len Gardner

Call to Worship *from Psalm 27*

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust.

Make me to know your ways O LORD; teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God
of my Salvation; for you I wait all day long.
To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls!**

◆ Hymn 663 “*Send the Light*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession
**Gracious God, we confess that we have a tendency to
wander from your ways. Sometimes your way just
seems too challenging, and we rebel.
Other times, we slowly wander off without realizing
how far we’ve strayed from you.
Forgive us, we pray.
Call us into this Lenten time of preparation.**

**Grant that we may keep focused on you in this time
out of gratitude for all Christ endured for us.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior...**
(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full
acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners.

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that
we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

◆ Gloria “*Shout for Joy to God*”

**Shout for joy to God all the earth,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment Ms. Marti
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Morning Offering

Anthem “*The Light of the World Is Jesus*” Marty Parks
The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin
The Light of the world is Jesus;
Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in
The Light of the world is Jesus.

CHORUS

Come to the Light, ‘tis shining for thee!
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blinded, but now I can see
The Light of the world is Jesus.

No need for the sunlight in heaven, we’re told
The Light of the world is Jesus;
The Lamb is the Light in the City of Gold
The Light of the world is Jesus.

Repeat CHORUS

◆ Doxology “*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*”
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am
rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks!
Give thanks! Give thanks!

◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading (page 812) Mark 1:9-15

Sermon “*Going Into the Wilderness*”

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

◆ Hymn 454 “*Trust and Obey*”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Breaking of the Bread
Prayer of Dedication

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 84
“*Revive Us Again*” (Vs. 1 & Chorus)
**We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.**

Postlude

◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

*We stand ready to welcome and receive those who
would like to join with us in the journey of faith. Please
speak to the pastor or one of the church members if you
wish to join this congregation on the road to
discipleship.*

PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS

Thad Cannon & family on the death of his grandfather.
 Nathasha Greene Pickerel—Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes
 Brad Davis (friend of Evan Hilgendorf & Kendall Helton) and family on the death of his aunt.
 Larry Filby (Matthew Shelton’s friend)—On hospice from cancer
 Bubba Escow (Matthew Shelton’s friend)—Severe burns
 George Lewis (Jim’s father)—Recovering from stroke
 Jeff Hershow (Pam Smithey’s brother-in-law)—Brain surgery
 Marty Bean (Thad Cannon’s friend’s son)—Open heart surgery
 Larry Hoge—Recovering from heart surgery
 (Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and Homebound Members.)

OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 1

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:00 Noon Children’s Ministry Meeting
 12:45 p.m. Jr. High Confirmation Class
 2:30 p.m. Newcomer Class
 5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner/Dessert Auction

Monday, March 2

1:00 p.m. Women’s Circle
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

12:00 Noon Lenten Service—SS United Methodist
 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, March 3

5:30 p.m. Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Children’s Choir
 Jr. High Bible Study
 Women’s Bible Study
 Men’s Bible Study
 M4M Service Hour
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
 Sr. High Bible Study

Thursday, March 4

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

Sunday, March 8

9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:00 Noon Fellowship Dinner
 12:45 p.m. Jr. High Confirmation Class

THOSE WHO SERVE

Greeter: Hunt family
 Ushers: Craig Hunt, Captain; Becky Hunt; Tyler Hunt; Ryan Hunt; Steve Carlisle; Connie Carlisle
 Liturgist: Len Gardner
 Sunday School Superintendent: Amy McAllister
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 03/08 **Need volunteers**

NEWS AND SUCH

Please refer to “OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS” for meetings and events scheduled this week.

Tuesday Lenten Service—The first in this year’s series of noon Lenten services will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at Sand Springs United Methodist Church. Lunch will follow at about 12:35 p.m. Next week’s service will be held here at our church.

Church Open for Prayer during Lent—The church doors will be open for members who are looking for a quiet place to pray and reflect during Lent on **Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Soft music and the beauty and holiness of our sanctuary will inspire you and help you reflect. There will be a devotional prepared to help direct you through prayer if you desire to use it.

Easter Lilies—Easter lilies will again be available for purchase this year. The cost is \$10.00 for each plant and a memorial insert will be placed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

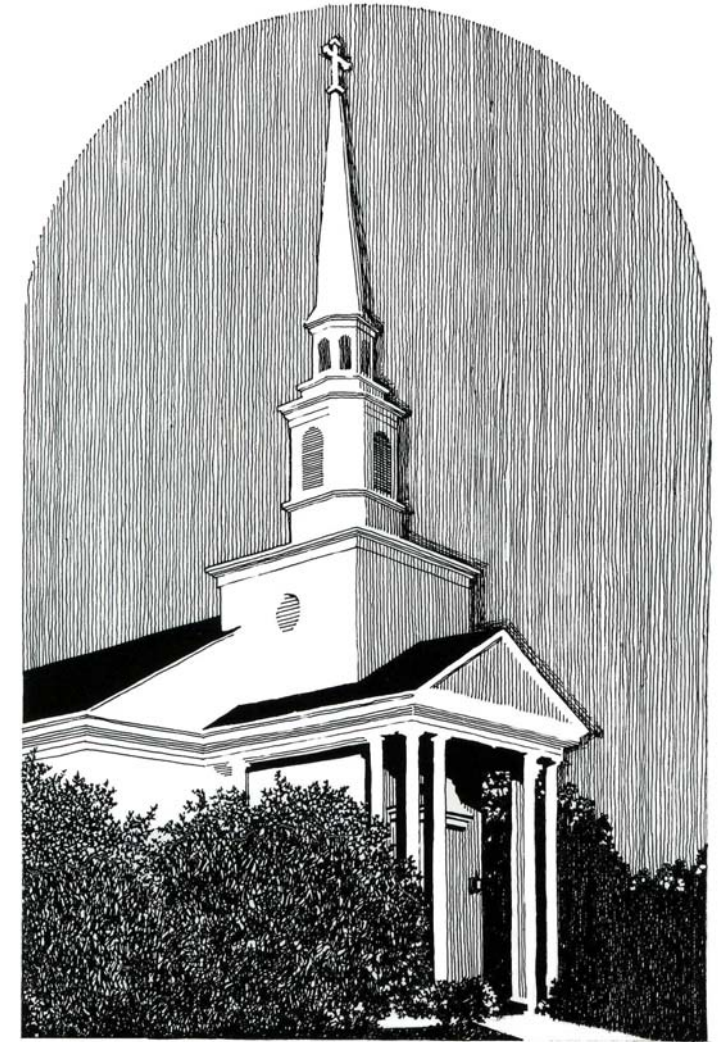
Jr. High Sunday School Class Service Project—Our Jr. High youth are beginning a month-long service project. They plan to collect items for the Blue Star Mothers organization in Sand Springs. A collection box can be found in the Narthex and a brochure listing needed items is located on the table next to the collection box. Please pick up this brochure and bring some of the listed items to help them in their worthwhile efforts.

Sermon on the Amount—

Needed for Feb.:	\$19,762.08	Budgeted YTD:	\$36,483.84
Received in Feb.:	16,545.81	Received YTD:	28,610.20
Difference:	(\$ 3,216.27)	Difference:	(\$ 7,873.64)

OUR STAFF

Dan Milford—Pastor
 Willa Barnes—Secretary
 Marti Law-Lowery—Director of Children’s Ministries
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist
 Krista Polanski—Treasurer
 Kyla Rice—Children’s Church Teacher



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