

# Celebration of Worship

March 8, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

2<sup>ND</sup> 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*  
You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

◆ Hymn 91 “*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*”

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession  
**Gracious God, we live in a time and place where there are lots of great things to buy, use, and own. We try to use our resources responsibly, but often find that we are “owned” by the things we’ve bought. Forgive us for losing sight of your vision for our lives. Forgive us for holding onto things that just get in the way of our serving you fully. Then help us, we pray, to gain the freedom that comes when we put our trust in you and keep our focus on your purpose for us. In Jesus’ name we pray...**  
*(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)*

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon  
Hear the Good News! The Lord will give his people justice and have compassion on his servants.  
**The Lord will give his people peace and joy.**  
Friends, believe the Good News. In 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 Pastor Dan  
*(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! Give thanks!**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 527) Proverbs 22:1-7

New Testament Reading (page 853) Luke 18:18-27

Sermon “*What’s Essential for THIS Journey?*”

◆ Hymn 108 “*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*”

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 84  
*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*  
**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

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**

Isaac (Thad Cannon’s sister’s infant son)—born very prematurely and in NICU  
 Julie Thompson & family on the death of her husband, Mark (teacher at Central Jr. High.)  
 Jordan (Cody Shelton’s friend) & family on the death of his mother.  
 Nathasha Greene Pickerel—Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes  
 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 Smithy’s brother-in-law)—Brain surgery  
 Marty Bean (Thad Cannon’s friend’s son)—Open heart surgery  
 (Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and Homebound Members.)

**OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, March 8**  
 12:00 Noon Fellowship Dinner  
 12:45 p.m. Jr. High Confirmation Class

**Monday, March 9**  
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

**Tuesday, March 10**  
 12:00 Noon Lenten Service—First Presbyterian  
 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday, March 11**  
 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 12**  
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

**Saturday, March 14**  
 9:30 a.m. Women’s Cluster Meeting

**Sunday, March 15**  
 9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

**Sunday, March 22**  
 12:00 Noon CE Meeting

**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: 03/15 **Need volunteers**

**NEWS AND SUCH**

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

**Tuesday Lenten Service**—This week’s noon Lenten service will be on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> here in our church. Lunch will follow at about 12:35 p.m. Next week’s service will be held at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 204 East Fourth St.

**Church Open for Prayer during Lent**—The church doors are now 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. A devotional is available to help direct you through prayer if you desire to use it.

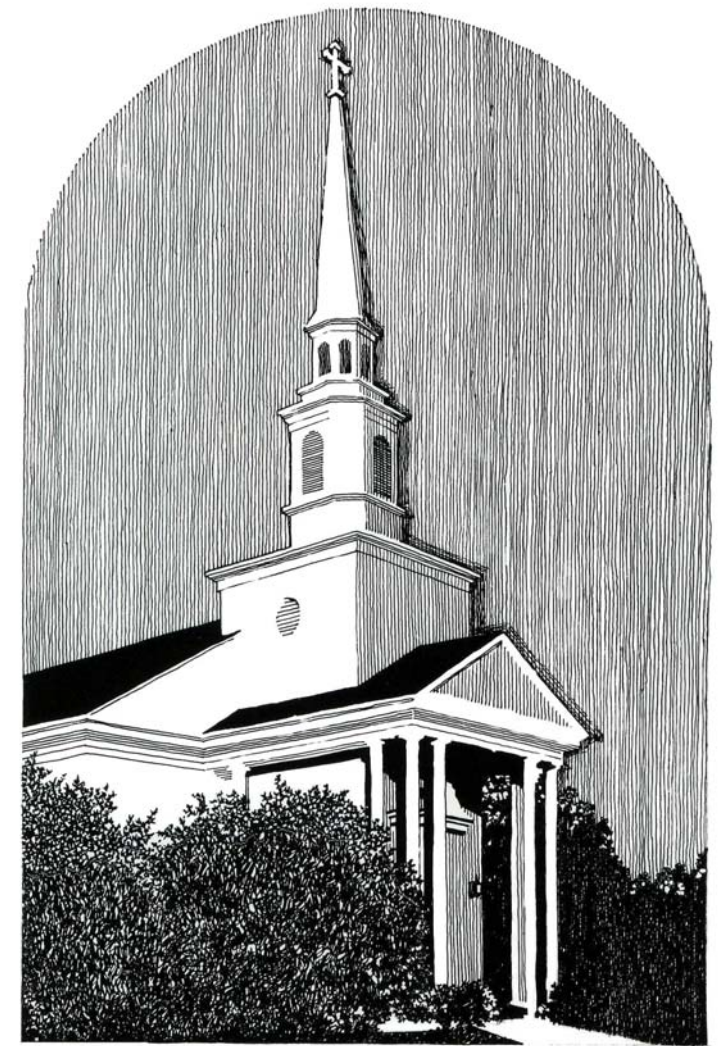
**Easter Lilies**—Easter lilies are available for purchase. The cost is \$10.00 for each plant and a memorial insert will be placed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

**Jr. High Sunday School Class Service Project**—Our Jr. High youth are continuing their month-long service project, collecting 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 Mar.: \$19,762.08 Budgeted YTD: \$41,044.32  
 Received in Mar.: 6,031.81 Received YTD: 34,642.01  
 Difference: (\$ 13,730.27) Difference: (\$ 6,402.31)

**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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