

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship February 21, 2010 First Sunday in Lent

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Adagio

Benedetto Marcello

INTROIT

Kind Maker of the World

“A La Venue de Noël”

Kind maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer, with many a tear poured forth by all the penitent who keep this holy fast of Lent!

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our Lenten journey has begun!

People: Let us follow the example of Jesus who

Leader: listened for the voice of God in the wilderness,

People: followed the leading of the Holy Spirit

Leader: and resisted temptation.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

“Azmon”

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

We proclaim this word of faith: If we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Christ from the dead, we will be saved! For belief comes from our hearts and leads to our justification, and we testify to that truth with our words—and, indeed, with our very lives! The good news is that anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ need never doubt God's love. God is eager to receive each one of us regardless of our sins. Everyone who calls on God will be saved and richly blessed with the gifts of God's grace and love.

—Based on Romans 10:8b-13

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah! (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

ANTHEM

Lord, How Wondrous Is Your Song
The Children's Choir

Mark Patterson

Lord, how wondrous is your song; it fills the heavens with everlasting joy.
O Lord, how wondrous is your song; the earth resounds with hymns of praise.
Your word rings forth through the ages, a story of grace from above;
A song of hope, a song of peace, a song of love.
Lord, how wondrous, Lord, how wondrous,
Lord, how wondrous is your song.

In the quiet strains of a child's prayer, Lord, we hear your song.
In the gentle voice of a friend who cares, your melody lives on.
In the servant's heart, there's a glad refrain and a living faith that rings.
Where your Spirit dwells, there is music Lord, a song for all to sing.
Lord, how wondrous is your song.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #79

Kind Maker of the World

"A La Venue de Noël"

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-53:2

pew Bible p. 642

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:41-52, 3:23

pew Bible p. 55, 56

ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you, and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shared His blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is come soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

THE SERMON

"Why Jesus? Part 1: Waiting"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Trio Sonata in D Minor
"Adagio e Dolce"

J.S. Bach

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN OF PARTING #83

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

"Deo Gracias"

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

"Deo Gracias"

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

About the Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

Continuing our exploration of the Confessions, in February we will be using the Apostles' Creed.

Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and further transmit the faith of the western churches.

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (21)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Book Study in Chapel
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, 1st Sunday in Lent
Children's Choir Singing, On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting & Dinner

MONDAY, FEBRUARY (22)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
10:00 PM Book Study in Pastor's Office
6:30 PM Local Mission Meeting in Library
7:00 PM Global Mission Meeting in Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (23)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (24)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
6:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Cresaptown
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Jr. High Basketball Practice at Cresaptown

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY (25)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (26)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (28)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Book Study in Chapel
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, 2nd Sunday in Lent
On the Air WCBC