

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Twentieth Day of March, Two Thousand and Eleven

Second Sunday in Lent

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please turn off your cell phone.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" arr. H. Willan
Lenora Morrow, Organist

A WORD ON WORSHIP *Boasting in the Cross* Sanders L. Willson

CHORAL INTROIT: "None Other Lamb, None Other Name" ROSSETTI

None other Lamb, none other name, none other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe, cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead; love's fire Thou art, however cold I be:
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but Thee.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael R. Gatliff

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 255 "O Jesus, We Adore Thee" MEIRIONYDD

✦FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 23:32-48 Courtney T. Humphreys (8:15)
David T. Popwell (11:00)

Two others, who were criminals,
were led away to be put to death with him.
And when they came to the place that is called The Skull,
there they crucified him, and the criminals,
one on his right and one on his left.

**And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them,
for they know not what they do."**

And they cast lots to divide his garments.
And the people stood by, watching,
but the rulers scoffed at him, saying,
"He saved others; let him save himself,
if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"
The soldiers also mocked him,
coming up and offering him sour wine and saying,
"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

**There was also an inscription over him,
"This is the King of the Jews."**

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying,
"Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"
But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God,
since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds;
but this man has done nothing wrong."
And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."**

It was now about the sixth hour,
and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,
while the sun's light failed.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

**Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said,
"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"
And having said this he breathed his last.**

Now when the centurion saw what had taken place,
he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

**And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle,
when they saw what had taken place,
returned home beating their breasts.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MEIRIONYDD

**What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 1:18-25; 2:1, 2

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."**

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age?
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
For since, in the wisdom of God,
the world did not know God through wisdom,
it pleased God through the folly of what we preach
to save those who believe.

**For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,
but we preach Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,**

but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**For the foolishness of God is wiser than men,
and the weakness of God is stronger than men.**

And I, when I came to you, brothers,
did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God
with lofty speech or wisdom.

**For I decided to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE WONDROUS LOVE

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ,
Crucified Savior,
Friend of sinners,
we confess anew our need of Your forgiveness:
we have thought ourselves great when we were small;
We have thought ourselves right when we were wrong;
we have spoken ungracious words
and committed unkind deeds.
Forgive us, Lamb of God,
for these and all our sins,
and purify us that we may praise You,
now and forever. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

SONG OF JOY WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD Andrew P. Wells

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "If Ye Love Me" Philip Wilby

If ye love Me, keep My commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever;

E'en the Spirit of the Truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CARITAS

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Robert C. O'Kelley

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Matthew and Megan Barnes, Robert and Amanda Biggs, Joey Bland, Barbara Colby, Matt and Ann Alise Hayden, Chip* and Rebecca Holliday, Matthew Johnson, Zach and Beth Jones, Bryan and Kim Jordan, Jeff and Laura Kimbro, Katie Kimbro, Chip and Jennifer Knight, Mark Kosko, Don and Jennifer Lasseter, Steven and Kandice Lee, Jennifer Long, Meagan Mansfield, Rush and Julia O’Keefe, Jon and Lesleigh Perdue, Mark Perkins, Mark and Kim Petzinger, Sean and Mims Pigg, Lynn and Krystal Shaw, Brent and Stephanie Siler, Patrick Smith, Jennifer Smith, Austin Smith*, David and Erin Still, Quinton and Rebecca Stine, Rob Sumner, Kenzie Tilson, Kelli Tretter, Emily Underwood, Halsey Werlein, Rachel Wynne, Steve Zimmerman, Janet Zimmerman

New Members to be recieved on March 27, 6:00 p.m.:

Ashley Anderson, Jennifer Anderson*, David and Elizabeth Burks, Martha Gonzalez, Seth Harkins, Steve and Donna Nash, Israel Quintal, George Sousoulas, Jay and Becky Wilson

**to be baptized*

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

SECOND GOSPEL LESSONMark 8:27-9:1
(page 844 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *The Jesus Mission: The Indispensable Element* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF OBEDIENCE No. 610 “Take Up Your Cross, Our Savior Said” QUEBEC
stanzas 1, 3 & 5

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners” arr. R. Vaughan Williams

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778