

## MORNING WORSHIP



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 17, 2010

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME:

"Not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another"

*Please turn off all cell phones/pagers at this time.*

\*Gathering Song: *Hymn of Promise*

Welcome and Announcements of Church Life

Chiming of the Bells

Prelude: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

D. Akers

Silent Prayer and Prayer of Invocation

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### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!"

Introit: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise God from the ends of the earth!

People: **God Who created us now says, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;**

Celebrant: I have called you by name, you are mine.

People: **When you pass through the waters I will be with you;**

Celebrant: And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

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\*Hymn of Praise No. 361: *How Firm a Foundation*

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

Almighty God, Sovereign Lord, we have heard, we have known, we confess: You alone are God, Creator of heaven and earth. Your kingdom is glorious; You rule over all You have made, so that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without Your knowing it. In Jesus Christ, our wounded Lord, we believe that You work in all things for our good. Awaken us by Your Spirit that we may receive our life with courage, find help to accept what we cannot understand, and trust Your faithfulness to bring us at last to the light of Your glory in the New Creation, praying, "Our Father who art in heaven...."

## AN ACT OF CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sin to God. (In Unison)*

(from Job 23)

O most great, most just and gracious God; Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but Thou hast promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in Him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused Thy holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first Thy kingdom. Thou hast revealed Thy wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in Him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In Thy Son is our salvation, in Thy promises our hope. Take us for Thy children and give us the Spirit of Thy Son, and in the end receive us into Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

\**Hear the Gospel of Christ!*

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:16-17

\**Let us sing praise to Christ!    Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

\*The Peace

### WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION:

"Blessed are they that hear the word of the Lord."

Prayer of Blessing for Young Disciples

(Children are invited forward and afterward 4-6 year-olds may go to Children's Church.)

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES

"The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of the Lord endures forever."

I Peter 1:24-25

Prayer for Illumination: *(In Unison)*

We pray, Lord, that You will open the door of our hearts to receive You within our hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 27:1-5

(p. 619)

Revelation 21:1-4

(p. 315)

Romans 8:18-25

(p. 192)

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Let us greet the Gospel of Christ as we stand to sing: *Teach Us to Love Your Word, Lord*

\*John 10:7-15 (p. 126)

\*Matthew 11:16-19 (p. 14)

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Anthem: *Be Still*

Evans

Sermon: **“SHALL WE DANCE?”**

Dr. Ron Tippens

### **WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE:**

*“Be doers of the Word and not hearers only”*

Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

The Offering and Offertory: *Festive Piece on “Plainfield”*

arr. J. Martin

\*The Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

\*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

(Hymnal p. 14)

\*The Charge and The Benediction:

REMEMBER.....

You go nowhere by accident, Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there, God has a purpose in your being there.

Christ Who indwells you has something God wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in God's grace and love and power to embrace and love the community of Charlotte.

\*Hymn of Dedication No. 302: *I Danced in the Morning*

\*Postlude: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

J. Zundel

\*Please stand if able

\*\*\*Latecomers may be seated by ushers

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*At times we need to know that the Lord is a God of justice. But there are also times when we need to know God is love and mercy. When days grow dark and nights grow dreary, we can be thankful that our God leads us through life's dark valleys and into sunlit pathways of hope.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*1929 - 1968*

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

**Welcome to Albemarle Road Church** on this beautiful Lord's Day!

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Welcome to all of you today!

**Guests** are encouraged to complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate. **Everyone** is asked to sign the Friendship Register found on each pew and pass to all those on the pew.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Wirt and Ginger Neale by their children in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 18.

**The flowers in the Narthex** are given with gratitude to God for His gift of the life of Edna Carpenter by her family.

**Today's Nursery Volunteers:** Bill & Diann McGuirt, Rick & Darlene Penninger  
**Scheduled for Sunday, January 24:** Dan & Lee Shearer, Tony & Bonnie Nodine

**During the Prayer for Healing and Wholeness** we invite all who would like to be anointed by our elders to please come forward.

**Saints Alive!** Will meet this week, Wednesday, January 20, at 10 a.m. in Calvin Hall.

**February "Focus"** articles are due in the church office by Wednesday of this week. Articles may be emailed to newsletter@arpcusa.org or to Treva@arpcusa.org.

**An Inquirer's Class** for prospective members will be held soon. This five-week class will meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. If interested, please contact the pastor or church office.

**Greeters:** Danny & Beth McLemore

**January Elder:** Marilyn Michue

**Head Ushers:** Nichole Dissler, Martie White

**Recent Illnesses:** Eddie Grindstaff, Jim Ingold, Ralph Killough, Tom Perry, Tommy Robinson

*Come! Celebrate the Church!*  
at the  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
Sunday, January 31, 2010  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
The Choir will serve Chili and Cornbread  
with Banana Splits for dessert!  
Donations will be accepted toward their Montreat Retreat.  
Welcome!