

MORNING WORSHIP



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 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: *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*
Welcome and Announcements of Church Life
Chiming of the Bells
Prelude: *Be Glorified*
Silent Prayer and Prayer of Invocation

arr. Rolin Mains

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

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

Introit: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. (*Psalm 124:8*)
People: **The eternal God is our dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.** (*Deuteronomy 33:27*)
Celebrant: The Lord is nigh to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in Truth. (*Psalm 145:18*)
People: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear.** (*Psalm 46:1-2*)
Celebrant: Trust in the Lord at all times and forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock. (*Isaiah 26:4*)
People: **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid.** (*Psalm 27:1*)
All: **HE WHO DWELLS IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH, WHO ABIDES IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY, WILL SAY TO THE LORD, "MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS; MY GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST, GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE."** (*Psalm 91:1-2*)

*Hymn of Praise No. 262: *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Lord's Prayer:

(*Unison*) God of Wonder, God of Love! Blessed be Your Name forever. You chose us, in Christ, before the foundation of the world. You destined us to be Your children. Like a mother who will not abandon the child in her arms, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, You carry us in faithful love. We, Your children, born of water and the Spirit, worship and adore You, and we will love, fear and trust You, our Savior God, forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sin, trusting God to be merciful.

(*Unison*) Lord: We are baptized to live for Your glory. We believe; help our unbelief. We love You, yet not with all our heart. We long for You, yet not with all our being. We trust in You, yet not with total commitment. Forgive our sin. Accept our faith, our love, our longing to know and serve You. Kindle what is cold in us; supply what is lacking, as we pray as You taught us: "Our Father....."

The Lord's Prayer

*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

"God's Word shall not return empty, but it shall accomplish God's purpose..."

Isaiah 55:10-11

Prayer for Illumination: (*In Unison*)

God of Jesus Christ, give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ, so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened. Help us to know the hope to which You have called us, the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of Your power at work in us. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen. - based on Ephesians 1:17-19, NRSV

Celebrant: Job 23:1-7; 38:1-18
The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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*Let us greet the Gospel of Christ as we stand to sing: *Create In Me*

Celebrant: *Matthew 27:45-50
The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Anthem: *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

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Sermon: "BITTERNESS OR TRUST?"

Dr. Ron Tippens

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE:

"Be doers of the Word and not hearers only"

Concerns of the Church and The Morning Prayer

The Offering and Offertory: *Just As I Am*

arr. W. Knapp

*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: *It Is Well With My Soul*

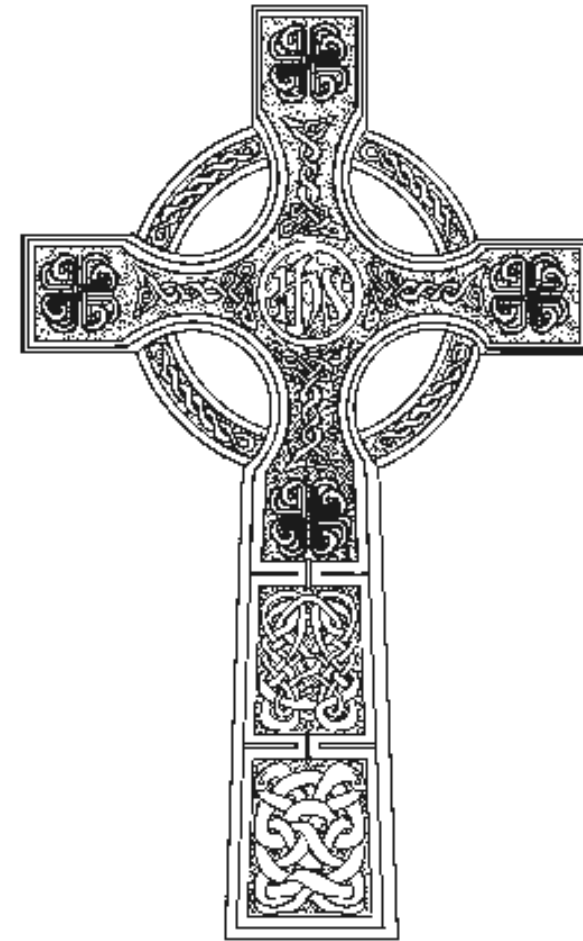
*Postlude: *God of Grace*

arr. P. Manz

*Please stand if able

***Latecomers may be seated by ushers

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*Albemarle Road
Presbyterian Church*

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 by Phil & Karin Boling in memory of Jerry Gerrard.

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Dan & Lee Shearer, Tony & Bonnie Nodine

Scheduled for Sunday, January 31: Brandy & Marty Margeson, Sarah Tate, Jennifer Yelton

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet Monday, January 25, 7 p.m. in the Chapel Building.

Saints Alive! will meet Wednesday, January 27, at 10 a.m. in Calvin Hall.

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: David & Susan Culbreth

January Elder: Marilyn Michue

Head Ushers: Diann Pallman, Katy Leischner

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!