

MORNING WORSHIP



February 21, 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 No. 333: *Seek Ye First*

Welcome and Announcements of Church Life

Chiming of the Bells

Prelude: *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

arr. M. Hayes

Silent Prayer and Prayer of Invocation

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

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

Introit: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

People: **And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.**

Celebrant: Jesus is the light of the world; whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

All: **PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST: LIGHT OF THE WORLD!**

*Hymn of Praise No. 469: *Morning Has Broken*

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: *(In Unison)*

Dear God, thank You for all that is good, for our creation and our humanity, for the stewardship You have given us of this planet earth, for the gifts of life and of one another, for Your love which is unbounded and eternal. O Thou, most holy and beloved, my Companion, my Guide upon the way, my bright evening star. We repent the wrongs we have done.

- Silent Prayer -

Celebrant: We have wounded Your love.

People: **O God, heal us.**

Celebrant: We stumble in the darkness.

People: **Light of the world, transfigure us.**

Celebrant: We forget that we are Your home.

People: **Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

Celebrant: Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been and shall be is known to You, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us.

People: **Living flame, burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.**

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

The Chancel Choir

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Response: *There is A Redeemer*

Congregation & Choir

*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

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Psalm 119

Prayer for Illumination: *(In Unison)*

Guide us, O God, by Your Word and Holy Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 27

(p. 619)

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Let us greet the Gospel of Christ as we stand to sing: *Gloria Patri*

(Hymn No. 579)

*John 8:1-12

(p. 122)

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Anthem: *Lamb of God*

Paris

Sermon: "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

Dr. Ron Tippens

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE:

"Be doers of the Word and not hearers only"

Concerns of the Church, Morning Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

The Offering and Offertory: *Meditation on a Folk Melody*

J. Martin

*Doxology:

Old Hundredth

*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. 391: *Take My Life*

*Going Forth of the Light

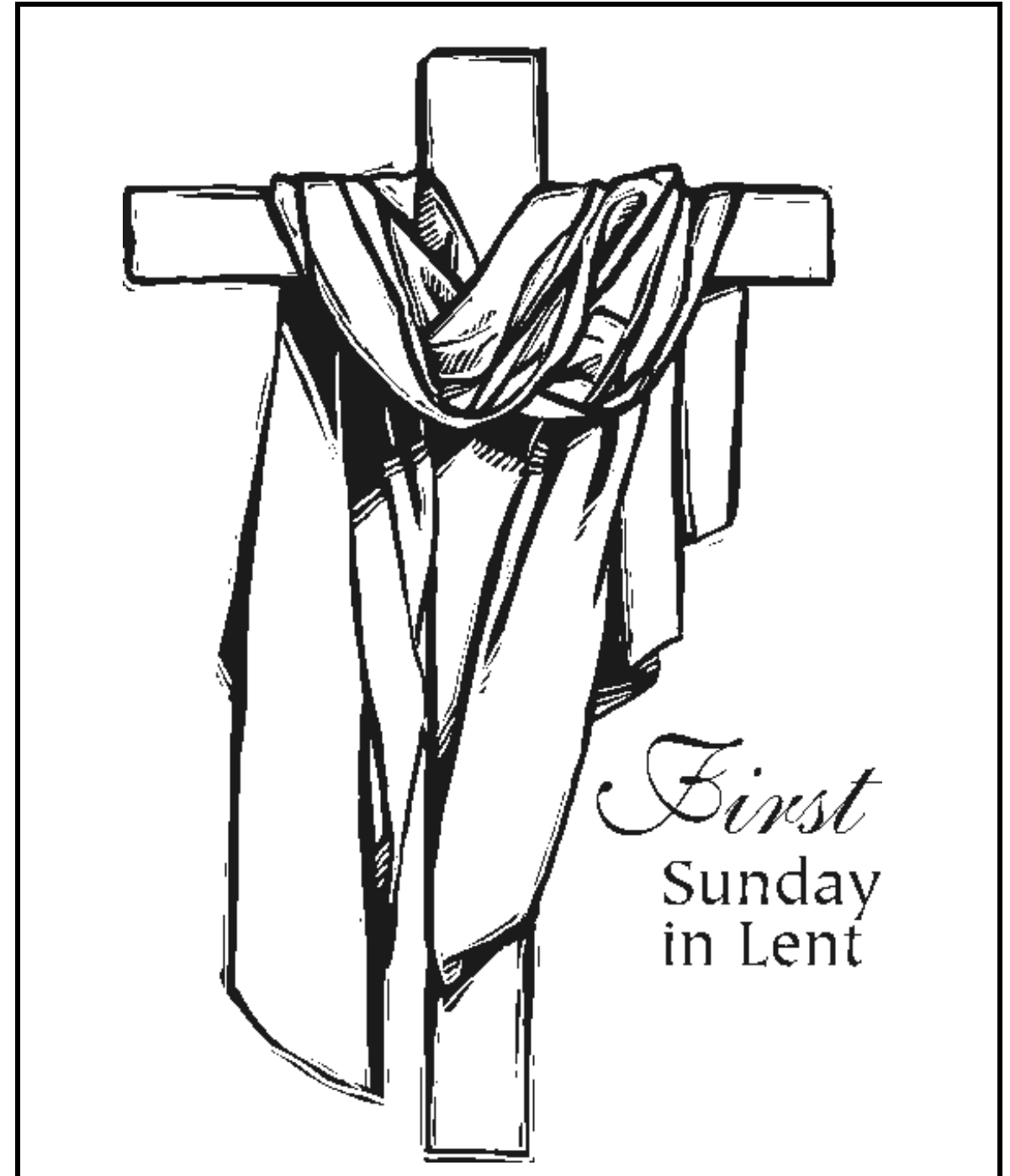
*Postlude: *Love Divine all Loves Excelling*

arr. A. Page

*Please stand if able

***Latecomers may be seated by ushers

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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 this morning are given to the Glory of God by Martie White in honor of Jim White for his 65th birthday on February 16.

Today's Nursery Volunteers: John Fleming, Brigette McLemore, Katie Blackwelder
Scheduled for Sunday, February 28: Dana Baker, John Walls, Peggy Woods

This Lenten Season the sermons will focus on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. There are seven occasions in the Gospels when Christ said "I Am...." and then gave some self-description of His person and work. These sayings serve as invaluable insight into Christ's own self-understanding. We will celebrate how each of these sayings demonstrates Jesus Christ is the answer to our needs.

It's time to order Easter Lilies! If you would like to order lilies in honor or memory of loved ones, please pick up an order form in the narthex or church office, complete the form and place in the offering plate along with your check for \$9.50 per lily. A list of memorial and honor gifts will be placed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and lilies may be taken home after the Easter 10:30 service.

Our Lenten Soup/Sandwich/Study begins today, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Bring a sandwich and dessert to share. The Lenten study will be the book [24 Hours that Changed the World](#). Join your church family for this time of fellowship and study as we remember Jesus' passion and resurrection.

Articles for the March edition of Focus need to be in the church office by Monday morning, February 22. You may email articles to newsletter@arpcusa.org and/or to treva@arpcusa.org.

Saints Alive! will meet Wednesday, February 24, 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.

Haiti Earthquake Relief offerings will be collected through February. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to ARPC and mark it for 'Haiti Relief.'

Presbyterian Women are seeking nominations for the PW Honorary Life Membership award. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please submit their name to Susan Culbreth or Ginger Blackwelder, along with a description of why you feel they are deserving.

Greeters: Russ Myers, Joe Myers

February Elder: Brenley Ogden

Head Ushers: Adam Jackson, Brigette McLemore

Recent Illness: Bill McGuirt