

MORNING WORSHIP



Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 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: *There Is A Redeemer*

Welcome and Announcements of Church Life

Chiming of the Bells

Prelude: *Lamb of God* T. Paris

Silent Prayer and Prayer of Invocation

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

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

Introit: *In the Bleak Midwinter* Holst

*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: Let us worship God, Who has done great things.

People: **We rejoice in our God, Who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Celebrant: Let us worship God, Who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: **We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship Him, and we rejoice!**

Celebrant: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

*Hymn of Praise No. 487: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession:

Celebrant: O Christ, out of Your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; You are patient and full of mercy; You are generous to all who call upon You.

People: **Save us, Lord.**

Celebrant: O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, You have taken away our sins. On the cross You were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

People: **Save us, Lord.**

Celebrant: O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

People: **Save us, Lord.**

Celebrant: O Christ, Savior of all who trust You, hope of all who die for You, and joy of all the saints:

People: **Save us, Lord.**

Celebrant: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: **grant us peace.**

Silent Prayer

Prayer continues as Choir sings: *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

Declaration of Forgiveness:

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by His wounds we have been healed.

Response: *Jesus, Messiah* Katy Leischner, Sandy Blackwelder

*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

Word of the ever living God, Will of His glorious Son: Without Thee how could earth be trod, or heaven itself be won?

Prayer for Illumination: *(In Unison)* based on Nehemiah 8:6

Blessed You are, Lord, Great God! Blessed You are, eternal God in times past and yet today! You have spoken in the past and Your people have been guided through all kinds of wildernesses and supported in all kinds of exiles and tribulations. Speak to us today in the midst of our own peculiar confusions. Speak to us through Your Law and give us a sense of order and direction. Speak to us through Your gospel. Transform us by Your grace. Renew us in hope. For Yours is the future, even more than the past. Amen. And Amen.

Psalm 118:14-24 (p. 695)
Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Let us greet the Gospel of Christ as we stand to sing: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*John 10:1-10 (p. 126)
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Anthem: *Who Is the Lamb?* Shafferman

Sermon: **"I AM THE DOOR!"** Dr. Ron Tippens

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE:

"Be doers of the Word and not hearers only"

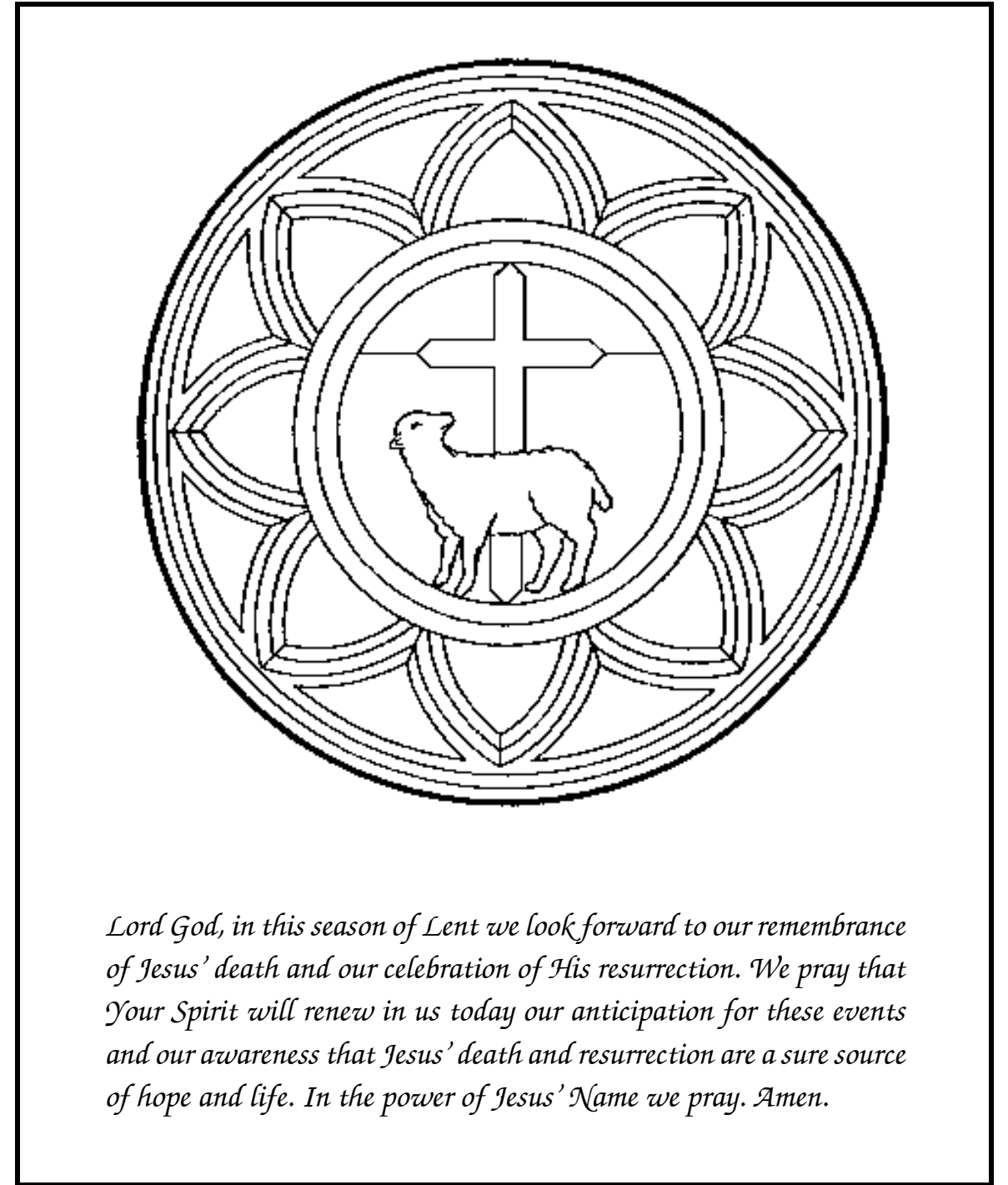
Concerns of the Church, Morning Prayer, The Lord's Prayer
The Offering and Offertory: *Sleepers Wake, The Voice Is Calling*
*Doxology: J. S. Bach
*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) (Hymnal p. 14)

*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: *Trees of the Field*

*Postlude: *Fugue in g minor* J. S. Bach
*Please stand if able
***Latecomers may be seated by ushers

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Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of His resurrection. We pray that Your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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 Slade Bumgarner in loving memory of Sue Bumgarner.

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Dana Baker, John Walls, Peggy Woods
Scheduled for Sunday, March 7: Troy & Nichole Disser, Katy & Joe Leischner

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 continues today, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Bring a sandwich and dessert to share. The Lenten study is on 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.

Saints Alive! will meet Wednesday, March 3, 10 a.m. in Calvin Hall.

PW Circle #4 will meet Thursday, March 4, 10 a.m. in Calvin Hall.

Committees will meet Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, March 7.

March 5¢-a-Meal Offerings will be collected next Sunday.

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: Bill & Myrtle Thornburg

February Elder: Brenley Ogden

Head Ushers: Katy Leischner, Nichole Disser

Recent Illness: Bill McGuirt, Tommy Robinson