

# MORNING WORSHIP



11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 13, 2010

## A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*At this time we ask that you turn off all cell phones.  
Please take a moment to sign the red booklets in your pews.*

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME:

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

Prelude: *People Need the Lord*  
ARPC Bells  
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M. Hayes

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

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

Introit: *This Is My Father's World*

### \*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: Like the tender father who supports a child's first steps,  
People: **God guides us along.**  
Celebrant: Like the loving grandparent who gathers us into an abundant lap,  
People: **God holds us in our times of need.**  
Celebrant: Like a lasting friend who seems to sense our needs,  
People: **God is mysteriously working for good in all our days.**  
Celebrant: In many ways and with many faces,  
People: **God is loving us. Hallelujah!**

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\*Hymn of Praise No. 267: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession: I John 1:8-9  
God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

### Prayer of Confession: *(In Unison)*

God of the depths, You have placed a longing for relationships deep within us. We yearn for the sacred circles of friendship and marriage. Yet, we confess that love is hard. We have often failed to love, walling ourselves up behind defenses and shunning the risks involved. We have not always respected the individuality of others, but often tried to remake them to suit our needs. Forgive us for our wounding words, our angry stares and our hidden resentments. Restore us to the circle of love that holds all Your creation in harmony. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Silent Prayer

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

Chancel Choir

### \*Declaration of Forgiveness:

Celebrant: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

### \*Response: *Glorify Thy Name*

### \*The Peace

## WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION:

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

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES

O God of Light, Thy Word, a lamp unfailing, shines through the darkness of our earthly way,  
O'er fear and doubt, o'er dark despair prevailing. Guarding our steps to Thine eternal day.

### Prayer for Illumination: *(In Unison)*

God of mercy, You promised never to break Your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak Your eternal Word that does not change. Enable us to respond to Your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalm 43

(p. 634)

Acts 1: 1-26

(selected verses, p. 143)

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Let us greet the Gospel of Christ as we stand and sing: *To God Be the Glory* (No. 485)

\*Matthew 28:16-20

(p. 41)

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Anthem: *Give of Your Best to the Master*

McDonald

Sermon: "YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES"

Dr. Ron Tippens

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE:**

"Be doers of the Word and not hearers only"

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(see insert)

The Offering and Offertory: *Tapestry*

J. Martin

\*The Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

\*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: *The Butterfly Song*

\*Postlude: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

H. Hopson

\*Please stand if able

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

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**Check or write three major inadequacies which hinder you from sharing Jesus verbally with others.**

- I don't know the message.
- I don't have the confidence that Christianity is all that "true."
- I can't answer the questions people throw at me.
- I find it hard to talk to people about my personal faith.
- I feel guilty when I "lay" things on other people.
- You lose too many friends when you do this.
- It just doesn't seem all that urgent to me.
- I feel hypocritical talking about new life when I am so messed up myself.
- I don't have a chance to relate to any non-Christians.
- They never ask, so I never tell them.
- I'm afraid to speak by myself. I need someone else along.
- It's so unnatural for me.
- I've never seen it done tastefully. It always seems tactless and offensive.
- Others \_\_\_\_\_
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**NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE**

**Welcome to Albemarle Road Church!**

Enter in stillness ... know that the Lord is God.	Listen in reverence ... it is God who has made us.
Sing with delight ... it is God who hears us.	Speak with conviction ... there is no other God.
Depart in peace ... it is God's gift for you.	Serve with joy ... it is your gift to God.

**If you are visiting with us**, please know you are especially welcome. **Guests** are encouraged to complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Gary Eccleston in honor of Cindy's birthday on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Nursery Volunteers today:** Brandy & Marty Margeson, Nancy Parker  
**Sunday, June 20:** John Fleming, Brigitte & Kevin McLemore

**Today** we begin our summer sermon series on the book of Acts. For Sunday, June 27, our text will be Acts 2: 1-47 (selected verses). The sermon is titled "Receiving God's Power."

**Diaconate** will meet Thursday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. **Session** will meet at 7:30 p.m.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated at the 10:30 worship hour on Sunday, June 27.

**Presbyterian Women's General Meeting and Passing of the Gavel** will be on Sunday, June 27, at 3:00 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Our Guest will be Cammie Howard, speaking on "The Beauty of You." Please make your plans to attend.

**Greeters:** Wirt & Ginger Neale  
**Head Ushers:** Don Blackmon, Adam Jackson  
**June Elder:** Don Blackmon  
**Recent Illness:** Bill Paules

**ARPC's Summer Schedule:**

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Communion Worship (Outdoor Chapel) followed by fellowship on the porch of the Family Life Center
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Morning Worship

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



God's Invitation and Promises

Words of Instruction:

Let us recall the teaching of Scripture concerning the Sacrament of Baptism.

The water of baptism signifies the washing away of our sin by the blood of Christ and the renewal of our lives by the Holy Spirit. It also signifies that we are buried with Christ. From this we learn that our sin has been condemned by God, that we are to hate it and to consider ourselves as having died to it. Moreover, the water of baptism signifies that we are raised with Christ. From this we learn that we are to walk with Christ in newness of life. All this tells us that God has adopted us as His children:

*"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God  
and co-heirs with Christ"* (Romans 8:17)

Thus in baptism God seals the promises He gave when He made His covenant with us, calling us and our children to put our trust for life and death in Christ our Savior, deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him in obedience and love.

God graciously includes our children in His covenant, and all His promises are for them as well as for us. Jesus Himself embraced little children and blessed them, and the apostle Paul said that children of believers are holy. So, just as children of the old covenant received the sign of circumcision, our children are given the sign of baptism. We are therefore always to teach our little ones that they have been set apart by baptism as God's own children.

Presentation by Elder Tom Troutman:

**Jacob Andrew (Jake) Troutman**  
**son of Eric and Melissa Troutman**  
**born December 11, 2009**

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"

Hymnal p. 14

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Blessed are You, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy us and all living things. Through the waters of the flood You carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea You led Your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness You nourished them with water from the rock, and You brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land. By the baptism of His death and resurrection, Your Son, Jesus, has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, wash away sin through the cross of Christ, clothe the baptized with Christ, and claim Your daughters and sons, no longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free, no longer male or female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Act of Baptizing

Declaration, Welcome and Promise to the Child:

Elder: Jake is now received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism God has made him a member of the Body of Christ, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. I charge you, People of God, to love him, to pray for and encourage him to be a faithful disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **With joy and thankfulness we welcome this child into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. Jake, we promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the Good News of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Prayer

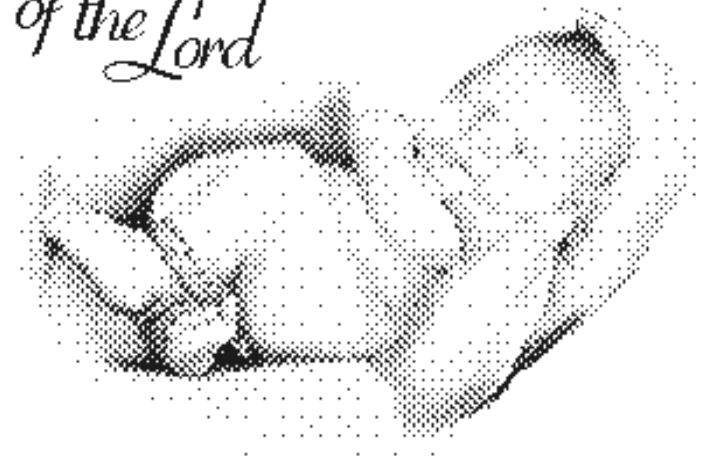
Welcome Song: *I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry*

Presentation of Certificate and Blanket

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*Baptized  
in the name  
of the Lord*



*Jacob Andrew Troutman*  
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