

The Worship of God

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

THE GATHERING

In Christian worship, we are gathered in from other attachments in life to be members of this distinct group: the Church of Jesus Christ.

Gathering and Passing of the Peace of Christ

The Three Chimes

Presence of God • Voice of Christ • Embrace of the Holy Spirit

*Hymn of Praise 422

HYFRYDOL

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

*Invocation

Beth C. Parker

Lenten Call to Confession (Psalm 32)

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven,
who no longer suffer in silence,
but name their sin and accept God's grace.
Let us name our sin together.

Lenten Prayer of Confession (Genesis 2-3)

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.

**You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give us life.**

You know us fully, and you know our sin.

**We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.**

Have mercy on us, we pray.

Cover us in your grace.

Re-create us in the image of Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Forgiveness (Psalm 32)

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven!
Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

Let us lift our voices in thanks and praise to God!

*Hymn 705

GLORIA PATRI

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end! Amen, amen.*

THE SCRIPTURE

The Church is gathered around God's Great Story in Jesus Christ. The reading of Scripture is the centerpiece of our worship together.

First Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Zach Bay

Call to Prayer 168

KINGSFOLD

I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kristy Bay

Response to Prayer 287

KING'S WESTON

*When the Church of Jesus
Sanctuary Choir*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

Beth C. Parker

THE RESPONSE

God became flesh and dwelt with us in our material world. We respond with our material things, asking God to make them gifts of grace for all.

*Hymn of Stewardship

FOUNDATION

*Our Lord, You Were Sent
(see insert)*

*Prayer of Stewardship

Zach Bay

Gifts of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Meditation

Organ

God So Loved the World

*Response of the People 706

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here
below! Praise him above the heavenly host!*

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture is not a passive, inanimate thing. It is meant to speak, to transform. In the Anthem and Sermon, we proclaim the Good News.

Anthem

Rouse

Kyrie

(Lord, Have Mercy)

Sanctuary Choir

Suzanne Lee, English Horn

Sermon

Zach Bay

"Have Yourself a Liminal Little Lent"

Discipline of Silence

THE SERVICE OF LENTEN LIGHTS

Advent and Lent are siblings. Both are seasons for repentance and preparation for the highest of Christian holy days. The Service of the Advent Wreath happens at the beginning of worship; its Light grows each week until, on Christmas, five flames burn brightly. The Light of the World is born. The Service of Lenten Lights happens at the end of worship; the Light slowly fades, on Good Friday, seven flames become smoke. The Light of the World is snuffed out. As the shadows of Lent grow, we consider our own hopes and fears, and ponder the mystery of grace in Christ Jesus.

THE COMMISSION

Having worshiped together this hour, we stand strengthened and renewed, and commissioned to go serve the world with Christ's love.

*Hymn of Opportunity 497

ASSAM

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*Recognition of Commitments

*Benediction

Zach Bay

*Postlude

Organ

The Bond of Love

*Please stand as you are able.

Bonnie Daniels, piano

Janet Matthews, organ

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Upcoming Church Events Calendar

Today's Activities

Sunday, March 1

- 8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

This Week's Activities

Monday, March 2

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Chapel

Tuesday, March 3

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
- 12:00 p.m. Praying the Psalms in the Prayer Room

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Tai Chi in the Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
- 5:00 p.m. CCM Community Dinner

Saturday, March 7

- 8:00 a.m. Quiltfest in Pigeon Forge

In the Weeks Ahead

Tuesday, March 10

- 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

- 6:30 p.m. Church Business Meeting

Thursday, March 12

- 6:30 p.m. Koinonia Women's Group

Correction

Easter Lilies will be \$19.50 each. This month's newsletter included an incorrect price. Orders are due by March 22. See the March newsletter for more details on how to order.



Statistics for February 23, 2020

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| Weekly Budget | \$6,063.00 |
| Total Offerings | \$15,724.00 |
| Worship Attendance | 108 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 42 |

Church Staff

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| Rev. Zachary L. Bay | Pastor |
| Beth C. Parker | Minister of Music |
| Elizabeth Lowden | Office Administrator |
| Billy Hunter | Facilities Manager |
| Cherry Stamper | Child Care Coordinator |
| Phillip Akers | Media Coordinator |
| Robbie Brumbach | Media Associate |
| Derek Barnett | Media Associate |
| Janet Matthews | Organist |
| Teresa Brown | Pianist |
| Bonnie Daniels | Pianist |
| Rev. John E. Pennington, Jr. | Pastor Emeritus |

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THE PREPARATION

At the outset of our time of worship together, we pause from our busyness and ponder good words that prepare our minds and hearts.

“All transformation takes place [in liminal space]. We have to allow ourselves to be drawn out of ‘business as usual’ and remain patiently on the ‘threshold’ (limen in Latin, from which we get the word liminal) where we are betwixt and between the familiar and the completely unknown. ... That’s a good space, where genuine newness can begin.”

-Richard Rohr