

The First Sunday of Lent

Worship Service February 21, 2010

Prelude Come, Sweet Peace J.S. Bach

Striking of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Christopher H. Edmonston
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Welcome, and grace, and peace in the name of the Lord.

Adoration

Call to Worship (Adapted from Matthew 4, Psalm 51, and Psalm 139)
One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Search us O God, and know our hearts –
Test us and know our thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way within us and lead us in the way everlasting.

*Hymn #263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, your Son fasted for forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weaknesses, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Confession

The Act of Confession

Why do we confess our sin?
Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
Why do we do this together?
Because we are a community, a covenant people.
Then let us confess together our sin, praying with one voice:
Eternal God, in so many ways we have walked away from the tasks You created us as Your church to be about. Forgive us, Lord, and where there is need, lead us to be about filling it; where there are the wounded in our world, help us to be about providing Your healing; and where the darkness of sin abounds, lead us to share Your light. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Jesus Remember Me – Hymn 599

Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
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The Assurance of Forgiveness

Minister: Hear and believe the Good News!

People: IN JESUS CHRIST WE ARE FORGIVEN!

*Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri
(Hymnal page 576)

Proclamation

Time for Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4 :1-13
(pew Bible page 61)

Anthem

Offertory (Micah 6 :6-8)

J.N. Beck

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 1 :1-8
(pew Bible page 245)

Sermon

“Setting the Stage”

Ascription of Praise

*Hymn #81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Affirmation of Faith

taken from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death
to life eternal.

Dedication

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Sentence

Organ Offertory

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

G. Blake

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #272

God of the Sparrow

*The Benediction

Postlude All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name J. Longhurst

*Those able to may stand.

**Latecomers seated.

A warm and sincere welcome to one and all!
It is a genuine pleasure to gather as God's people, to open ourselves to the presence of God and to praise God with loving hearts.

THE USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ARE:
Mary Louise Batchelor, Chairperson
Bill Goode, John Harper, Jim Hussey, Jerry Price, Cecilia Batchelor,
Krista Dunn, Nita & Tom Knox

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Annie Ruth Moye and James Moye

The Greenery in the Sanctuary
is given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Lisa Sykes Leland

The red rose in the Sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of Archer Grant Molaro, born February 10, 2010, to Heather and Phillip Molaro. The proud grandparents are Robert and Tommye Vernon

Children's Corner

During Lent we are exploring how we can “take on” “being GREEN.” The children are adopting environmentally sound practices and doing additional chores and good deeds, so they can collect money for Heifer Project animals. During Lent we continue to meet on our EVENING schedule:

5:30 Alleluia Singers

6:00 Dinner

6:30 Cherub Choir/Wondrous Wednesdays/Little Lambs

Youth Group

Next Sunday Youth Group will be at 5:30-7:30pm

Today's Youth Group activity will be the Chili Luncheon after church. Please see the insert for more information.

Choir rehearsal: Wednesday's at 7:30pm

Hand bell practice: Thursday's at 7:30pm

Committee Meetings

Worship Committee Meeting, TODAY at 4 pm at HMPC

Session Meeting, TONIGHT at 7:00pm

Christian Education Committee will meet on Sunday, February 28 at 4:00 PM, in the Session Room.

Men's Bible Study: Meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am
Men's Bible Study will NOT be meeting on February 23rd or March 2nd.
Men's Bible Study will resume on March 9th as we begin a new unit.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 8:30-10:30am at the church

Women's Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study: 2:30pm at Sherry Lovette's home

Prayer Meeting at HMPC, Wednesday at 9:30am

Prayer Meeting at the Albemarle, Wednesday at 10:30 am

Vespers each Sunday at 4:30pm at the Albemarle led by Peggy Rodgers Leggett

Awesome Fair Trade Coffee is still available! \$9.00 a bag. Proceeds from the sale go to HMPC Youth Ministries 2010.

Presbyterian Women Scholarship Applications for 2010 are available in the church office. Applicants must live in the Presbytery of New Hope and be a member of a church in the Presbytery. Applicants may attend the college of their choice, but preference will be given to those applicants who are attending a Presbyterian-related school.

Winter Adult Social at the Main Street Inn
Friday, March 12th at 6:30pm
Sign up sheet in the church office

Easter Lilies: Please call the church to reserve your Easter lily in memory of or in honor of. The cost this year will be \$14.00 each.

Lenten Lectures 2010
"The Best Sermon I Ever Preached"
February 24th- 6:00pm Tetrizzini Supper, Women of the Church
6:40pm, Jim McKinnon (Sanctuary)
March 3rd – 6:00pm, Potluck Supper
6:40pm Lecture by Gaylord Lehman (Sanctuary)
March 10th – 6:00pm Dinner by the Youth
6:40pm, Lecture by Anna Pinckney Straight (Sanctuary)
March 17th – Baked Spaghetti Supper by the HMPC Choir
6:40pm, Lecture by Christopher Edmonston (Sanctuary)
March 24th – Potluck Dinner,
6:40pm Lecture by Franklin Golden (Sanctuary)
(All meals will be served in the Burns Fellowship Hall)