

The 2nd Sunday of Lent

Worship Service February 28, 2010

Prelude Vision J. Rheinberer

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.

Minute for Mission
Movin' for Community Outreach – 5K

Call to Worship Adoration
(adapted from Isaiah 58 and Luke 9)
Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice;
to share your bread with the hungry;
to bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to clothe them?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly.
Jesus said: If any want to become my followers, let them
deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow
me.
Brothers and sisters in faith, as we follow our Lord, let us worship
our God.

*Hymn #84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*Prayer of Adoration
God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being
born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in
newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Act of Confession 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:
God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We
confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your
way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we
are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love,
neglected justice, and ignored, too often, your truth. Have mercy
on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of
righteousness, through 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 579)

Proclamation

Time for Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Luke 13 :31-35
(pew Bible page 77)

Anthem He Was Wounded Vivaldi/Hopson
(Isaiah 53 : 3-5)

New Testament Lesson Revelation 3 :14-22
(pew Bible page 247)

Sermon "Laodicea and the Plague of Benign Whateverisms"

Ascription of Praise

*Hymn #82 O Lamb of God, Most Holy

*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 Andante in G A. Guilmant
*Doxology
Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #375 Lord of all Good

*The Benediction

Postlude Postlude in a minor G. Calkin

*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
Mr. & Mrs. Vann Norwood Neal
and Mr. & Mrs. W. Fred Davis

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

The winged-elm branches in the Sanctuary
represent the contemplative season of Lent

Children's Corner

On Ash Wednesday, the Little Lambs and Wondrous Wednesday children
received their Lenten project. The children are taking on additional chores, odd
jobs, and practicing sound environmental decisions. In the tradition of "giving up" or
"taking on" challenges for Lent, they are fully participating. LL/WW kids are handing
out "business cards" that announce their availability for small tasks at home or in
our community. For example, children might pick up pinecones or sticks in the
yard, help weed a garden, polish silver, have a special visit with a grandparent or
senior friend, or even have a piece of artwork commissioned for a refrigerator. In
exchange for their kind act of service, they will receive a donation towards their
Heifer Project donation. For all that the children collect on their own, Howard
Memorial will make a matching gift to the Heifer Project. The Heifer Project is
an international organization which provides animals and supplies worldwide to
impoverished communities who have the drive to improve their station. Please help
the children in their Lenten Project!

2/24 Schedule: Alleluia Singers at 5:30; Little Lambs, Cherub Choir, &
Wondrous Wednesdays at 6:30.

Youth Group

Youth Group tonight is at 5:30. We will be meeting up in the youth room.
Next Sunday the Senior high will be playing paint ball at Bryan Mayo's farm. The
Junior High will meet at the church at 5:30.
We had a great turn out at the Chili luncheon. The youth group raised over
\$1200.00 for their summer projects. Thank you to everyone for making this event
such a success.

Choir rehearsal: Wednesday's at 7:30pm

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

Christian Education Committee will meet TODAY at 4:00 PM, in the Session Room.

Worship Committee Meeting March 21st at 12:30pm after morning service.

Men's Bible Study: Meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am. However we will NOT meet on March 2nd and 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

Upcoming events in the lives of the men of HMPC:

March 1st - Men's dinner, Momma's Pizza 6:30 p.m.

March 20th - Howard Memorial Church Clean Up 8 a.m.

March 21st - Men's Breakfast Burns Fellowship Hall 8 a.m.

For details contact Mike Martin (252) 241-5773 or email mikemartinots@gmail.com

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.

2 cents a meal offering today



Lenten Lectures 2010

"The Best Sermon I Ever Preached"

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 Candance Worth (Sanctuary)

March 24th – Potluck Dinner,

6:40pm Lecture by Franklin Golden (Sanctuary)

(All meals will be served in the Burns Fellowship Hall)