

The 4th Sunday in Lent

Worship Service March 14, 2010

Prelude O Man, Lament Your Sin 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 (from the Book of Common Worship)
The Minister and the People
Minister: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
People: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts! See if there is any wicked way within me, and lead me in your way everlasting.
Minister: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a humble and contrite heart; our God, the Lord, will not reject, He does not forget.
People: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts! See if there is any wicked way within me, and lead me in your way everlasting.
Minister: In the name of Christ, who conquered the world with grace divine, let us worship the Lord our God!

*Hymn #115 Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain

*Prayer of Adoration

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:
God of healing grace, we were lost and broken – you sent us a savior, Jesus the Christ, who mended our brokenness, and renewed our strength. Yet we have taken for granted your boundless goodness, freely given us when we were in desperate need. In tender mercy, forgive us; by your Spirit, lead us that we would demonstrate genuine thanksgiving, through gracious words and glad service; loving as we have been loved, and giving as we have received. In name of the Son, we pray. Amen.
Jesus Remember Me—Hymn # 599
Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
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 12 : 35-40
(pew Bible page 75)

Anthem Jesus, Walked This Lonesome Valley
Adam Schultz – Soprano Saxophone

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Text
Stanza 1 Traditional
Stanzas 2, 3, 4 are by Jack Schrader
Jesus walked this lonesome valley: He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself
Jesus prayed for his disciples; He prayed alone for you and me.
Oh, nobody else could beat such sorrow; He prayed alone for you and me.
Jesus died on Calv'ry's mountain; He died alone for you and me.
Oh, nobody else could die for sinners; He had to die for you and me.
Jesus rose from death's dark prison; He lives again for you and me.
Oh, nobody else could bring us vict'ry, He is alive to set us free.

New Testament Lesson Revelation 3: 1-6
(pew Bible page 94)

Sermon Sardis and the Call to Waken the Sleeping Giant

Ascription of Praise

*Hymn #453 O Holy City Seen of John

*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
Offertory Music Near the Cross arr. D. Hustad
*Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #85 What Wondrous Love is This

*The Benediction

Postlude Voluntary in d minor S. Long
**Latecomers seated. *Those able to may stand.

**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 MARCH ARE:
June Cherry, Chairperson
David Sessoms, David & Lillie Anderson, Dorsey Daniel
Kelly & Thurman Parker, Fran & I.V. Thompson
George Whitehurst, Sr.

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Alva Harrison Clark**

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

Children's Corner
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!
3/17 Schedule: Alleluia Singers at 5:30; Little Lambs, Cherub Choir, & Wondrous Wednesdays at 6:30. Please note Alleluia Singers change in schedule for 3/24: 7:30-8:00pm.

Youth Group
Tonight's Youth Group will be at 5:30pm at the church. Next week's senior high will be heading out to TCO after dinner. Jr & Sr. High meet at the church at 5:30 Today is the beginning of confirmation (9:45am). There is a luncheon following this church service for confirmation participants and their family. Confirmation next Sunday is at 9:45am and 4:30pm

Choir rehearsal: Wednesday's at 7:30pm
Hand bell practice: Thursday's at 7:30pm

Men's Bible Study: This Bible study meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am

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

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

Congregational Life Meeting March 16th at 5:45pm in the Session Room

Session Meeting March 22nd at 7:00pm

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.

Attention graduating seniors: The Robert E. Burns, III Scholarship application is available in the church office. Applicants should be members of Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church, a graduating senior from a public or private high school and be selected for admission to an accredited college or university or community college in the United States. A completed application and supporting documents will need to be returned to the church office by May 1, 2010.

Box Tops for Education

Did you know your box tops can help the children of our community? They can and the Christian Education Committee is asking you to save yours! Please take time to look at the bulletin board outside the church office that committee member Bobbie Martin has put up to explain this program. All of your questions will be answered. We're thanking you in advance for your help with Box Tops for Education!

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.

Upcoming Events in the Lives of the Men at HMPC

March 20th HMPC Clean up at 8:00am

March 21st Men's Breakfast Burns Fellowship Hall 8:00am

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

Lenten Lectures 2010

"The Best Sermon I Ever Preached"

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)

Movin' For Community Outreach – 5K – Sponsored by HMPC

Start getting in shape because the Movin' for Community Outreach 5K is coming on April 3rd. Go to www.tcorun.com to register or to get more information. Volunteer opportunities are available. Sponsorships are available. Please come and join the fun and run or help for this important community event here in the life of our church. Come and help us support the most vulnerable in our community through the ministry of TCO. The beautiful run is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and make a fine witness in our town and in our county.