

The 5th Sunday in Lent

Worship Service March 21, 2010

Prelude Wondrous Love arr. David Johnson

Striking of the Hour

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

Minute for Mission
Tom Hussman, Director of Camp Albemarle

Adoration
Call to Worship (from the Book of Common Worship)
The Minister and the People
Minister: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
People: Whoever serve me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there will my servant be also.
Minister: In the name of Christ, who conquered the world with grace divine, let us worship the Lord our God!

*Hymn #81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*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:
Almighty God, giver of mercies to all who trust in you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love. In the name of Jesus, your Redeeming Son. 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
The Mission Committee-Movin' for Community Outreach 5K

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Luke 15 : 1-7
(pew Bible page 78)

Musical Interlude What Wondrous Love Is This arr. Doug Wagner
(Handbell Choir)

New Testament Lesson Revelation 2: 1-7
(pew Bible page 245)

Sermon Ephesus and the Unwinnable Fight for Righteousness

Ascription of Praise
*Hymn #364 I Sing A Song of The Saints of God

*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 Aria da Chiesa D. Elliot
*Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #87 The Glory of These Forty Days

*The Benediction

Postlude O Sacred Head J. Kuhnau
**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 William Donald Moore, and Mr. & Mrs. John Ivey Bradley, grandparents of the bride Mr. & Mrs. Worth Bagley Lockerman and Mr. & Mrs. Yancy Caldonia Elliott, grandparents of the groom. also in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Yancy Caldonia Elliott, III married March 20, 2010

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

Children's Corner
The children have done a wonderful job on their Lenten Projects benefiting the Heifer Project. If you have any last minute tasks in prep for Easter or the spring planting, don't be afraid to ask for some help. All the children's donations are being matched by the church! Please note the change in schedule for Alleluia Singers in preparation for the Palm Sunday joint choral participation.
March 24th - Dinner @ 6pm; LL/Cherub Choir/WW @ 6:30pm; Alleluia Singers @ 7:30pm with the Adult Choir
Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt (ages infant to fifth grade) MARCH 28TH @ 4 - 5:30 pm on the Town Commons. Bring your Easter basket and lawn chair to enjoy the fun! Contact Colleen with questions, 823-4138.

Youth Group tonight:
The Sr. High will meet at the church at 5:30pm and will then go to TCO for service work. We will be done by 7:30pm
The Jr. High will meet at the church at 5:30pm for dinner and games.
Next Sunday the youth group will have their Easter Party at 5:30pm in the Burns' Fellowship Hall. In the Cross of Christ I Glory
There will be no Youth group April 4th or April 11th.

Choir
Men's Bible Study: This Bible study meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am (NO Men's Bible Study on April 6th)

NO Potluck Supper on April 7th

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
Session Meeting Monday, March 22nd at 7:00pm

Worship Committee Meeting TODAY at 12:30pm after morning service

Congregational Life Meeting TODAY at 5:30pm in the Session Room

Prayer Meeting at HMPC, Wednesday at 9:30am
(NO Prayer Meeting on April 7th)

Prayer Meeting at the Albemarle, Wednesday at 10:30 am
(NO Prayer Meeting on April 7th)

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.

The Church office will be closed on April 5th to observe the Easter Holiday

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.

Lenten Lectures 2010
"The Best Sermon I Ever Preached"
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 Moving' 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.

2cents a meal



offering next Sunday