

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 1, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ms. Betty Joyner

We come, trusting in God's mercy and love,
longing to know and to learn more about God's ways.

**We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth—
to experience the joy of God's salvation.**

We come, at the beginning of our Lenten journey,
aware of God's steadfast love helping us to overcome
the trials and temptations which can descend on us at any time.

**Lead us, O God, to do what is right in your eyes
and teach us to follow the humble way of Christ,
your beloved Son, our crucified and risen Lord.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 569

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 4:1-11

In Pew Bible, page 3 of New Testament

Mrs. Penny Rose

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Fellow travelers on the journey through Lent, always remember that there is much more forgiveness in God than we could ever exhaust. Receive from God, through the grace of Christ, the blessing of sins forgiven, and a right relationship restored.

By grace we are saved through faith. Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 589

At Calvary

CALVARY

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Rose

OFFERTORY

Serve the Lord with Gladness

arr. Jarrell

+LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Blessed Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 51:1-13

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 640 of Old Testament

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SERMON

A Clean Heart

Dr. Gilliam

At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been experienced while we've worshiped together.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 295 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+LENTEN RESPONSE arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* arr. Held

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given with love by Betty Duke, to the glory of God, in honor of her new great-grandson, Harrison, and in memory of her grandson, Tom.

We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:

*Babies: Brian & Victoria Outlaw
Ages 1 & 2: Nat & Lou Riddick
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth Davis
Floaters: Heath & Lyndsay Britt*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Associate Pastor Pastor

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

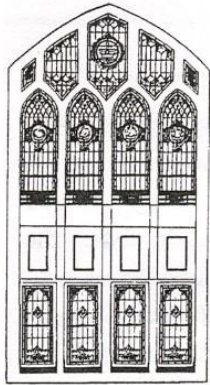
Ms. Belinda Butler
Music Associate/Organist



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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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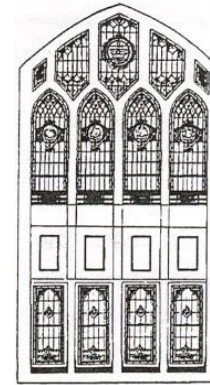
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