

March 30th, 2014

4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Near the Cross* Kindall

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *I Waited for the Lord*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 22*

All: And also with you.

All: So we come to worship to be reminded of your faithfulness; to hear how our ancestors trusted you and how you delivered them.

All: In you we place our trust. Do not be far from us. Guide our future as you have our past.

All: We will glorify God and stand in awe of him for he does not hide from us and hears us when we call on him!

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Be Still My Soul*
Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to your God in order to provide
In every change he faithful will remain
Be still my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below

Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and Powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through doubt, fear, and confusion. Yet we have relied instead on our own wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your Word and Spirit, fill us with trust in you, so that no matter life's demands, we may be your people in the world, living confidently with the joy of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *What Wondrous Love Is This?*
His heart was filled with love for my soul, for my soul
His heart was filled with love for my soul
His heart was filled with love; he came down from above
To grant my soul release, joy and peace, joy and peace
To grant my soul release, joy and peace

SPECIAL MUSIC *Only Believe* Rader/Kirkpatrick
Children's Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

+HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Prayer* Sager/Foster/Fettke

GOSPEL READING

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Westminster Confession of Faith*
The principal acts of saving faith are, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace. This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; it may be often and in many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory; it grows up in many to the full attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Trivette
+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN OF SENDING *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *A Parting Prayer*

+POSTLUDE *Down at the Cross* Trad.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Hazel Ramos-Cano
- the acolytes are Jill Childress & Sydney Johnson
- the bellringer is Cate Arney
- the W.O.W. leaders are Alicia Arney & Mindy Bonin
- the nursery volunteers are Nancy Norden, David & Anne Willson
- the sound board tech is Rick Ratliff

VISITORS: We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register this morning. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

HEARING DEVICES are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES IS ON FAITH. The season of Lent is a time for reflection and introspection regarding our spiritual life. Nothing is more central to the spiritual life than *Faith*. During Lent, Pastor Tim is helping us look at *Faith* and how it plays out in our daily life. We have looked and how it relates to belief. This week we are looking at how faith relates to doubt. We hope this series will enlighten your minds and touch your hearts as you move deeper in your journey towards the cross with Christ.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Wednesday night Bible study of *The Book of Confessions* continues this week at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This week we are studying *The Second Helvetic Confession*.

SPENCER-MILLER CONCERT SERIES: The next concert in the Spencer-Miller Concert Series is April 13th and will feature the Paramount Chamber Players.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL NOONTIME SERVICES: There are 2 Wednesday services remaining in this series: April 2 Christ the King Catholic, and; April 9 St. Thomas Episcopal. Lunch is provided by the host church immediately following each service.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Wednesday night dinners are at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, just prior to the Bible Study led by Pastor Tim. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. All are invited to come share in great food and fellowship!

SHEPHERDING CLASS: Establishing connections is vital for new church members, especially during the first year of membership. Pastor Tim will be offering training on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to interested in shepherding new members as they connect with people, programs and events in our church. Please contact Georgia Crews, (276.676.3512 or 276.492.5240), to learn more about this exciting new ministry or simply show up on the day of the class.

DISCOVERY CLASS: Interested in uniting with the congregation? Just want to know more about being Presbyterian? set aside Sunday, April 13th to attend the spring Discovery Class downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. After lunch provided by the church, Pastor Tim will lead the class in learning about the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reformed Tradition and the Sinking Spring congregation. There will also be a time for questions and answers. Please RSVP to Georgia Crews at 2006mgcgmcc@comcast.net, 276-676-3512 or 276-492-5240 by Tuesday, April 8th.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the congregation will be held next Sunday, April 6th, in the sanctuary following worship. We will review the ministry of the church in 2013, the budget for 2014 will be -large members of the Nominating Committee will be elected. We expect the meeting to last approximately 20 minutes.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM MEETING: The Congregational Ministry Team will meet on Thursday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. All Team Members and POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS are invited to meet in the sanctuary for updates, new leadership opportunities and any reports that should be shared. New members are needed and welcome!

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, March 30th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Habitat Covenant Signing/Reception
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Tuesday, April 1st

10:00 a.m. Circle 1 Grant Classroom
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Team - Parlor
8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 2nd

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service Christ the King