

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 6, 2016
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Let us enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of meditation in preparation for worship.

Welcome – Greeting of the People – Announcements

Prelude

“Lead Kindly Light”
*Joel Fuller, violin; Lynn Rechel, clarinet;
Eric Sabatino, harp; Fred Markey, organ*

John B. Dykes
arr. Lex de Azevedo

*Congregational Introit

“Put No Confidence in Princes”
Put no confidence in princes,
Nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning,
And his purposes shall end.
Happy is the man that chooses
Jacob’s God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing
On the Lord his God is stayed.
~ Psalm 146:3-5

Hyfrydol

*Call to Worship

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 404

“The Solid Rock”

Solid Rock

Sharing of Family News

Prayer of Intercession

8:00 Rev. Ron Meyer

9:30 Rev. Thomas Myrick

11:00 Rev. Corey Gray

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36:24-28

page 724, pew Bible

*Hymn No. 345

“Blessed Assurance”

Assurance

Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Passing of Friendship Register

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Then We’ll Sing Hosanna”
*Sanctuary Choir; Lynn Rechel, clarinet;
Eric Sabatino, harp; Fred Markey, organ*

American Folk Hymn
arr. Mack Wilberg

I have some friends before me gone
Who love to sing hosanna,
And I’m resolved to travel on,
For I love to sing hosanna,

*For we have but the one more river to cross,
And then we’ll sing hosanna,*

One army of the living God,
We love to sing hosanna,
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
Who love to sing hosanna.

Amen, amen, my soul replies,
I love to sing hosanna,
I’m bound to meet you in the skies,
Where we will sing hosanna.

***11am—Hymn No. 624—Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:11-14

page 976, pew Bible

Sermon

“The Certainty of Our Blessings”
3rd in a series on the Book of Ephesians

Dr. Todd Smedley

***Hymn**

“I Cannot Tell”

Londonderry Air

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand’rers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethl’hem’s manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor
When He the Savior, Savior of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to Communion

***Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your way, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the Gospel of Your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope. Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, and in the end receive us into Your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements of the Lord's Supper

***Passing of the Peace**

***Communion Response**

“Communion Hymn”

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And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again.
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

***Benediction**

***Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

“Prelude and Fugue in A minor”

J.S. Bach

Participating Officers

8:00 Doug Scott

9:30 Peter Beukema

11:00 Doug Gilbert

Elders are available for prayer or ministry at the front of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

Sanctuary flowers are given by JoeAnn Stenstrom in memory of Bob Stenstrom whose birthdate was March 7.

The roses on the organ celebrate births within our family of faith.

Magnus Ira Shoemaker was born on May 7, 2015, to Billy and Amanda Shoemaker.

Virginia Holton Pickle was born on February 3, 2016, to William and Sally Pickle.

We pray God will strengthen and guide each of these families.

The morning worship service is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00am locally on WAVA 105.1 FM and worldwide by Internet streaming audio at www.wava.com.

Hearing enhancement units are available for checkout in the Media Center or ask an usher for assistance.

Tonight's Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

"The Savior Crucified"

Luke 23:26-43

Mr. Terence Little

Next Sunday, March 13

Morning Service

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

"Praying with Open Eyes"

Ephesians 1:15-22

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

"The Death of Jesus Christ: Witnesses and Responses"

Luke 23:44-49

Rev. Rob Yancey

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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