

# Worship for the Lord's Day

March 29, 2009 Fifth Sunday in Lent  
10:00 AM

An asterisk \* indicates standing, as you are able.  
The congregation's responses are in **bold italics**.

## The Church is Gathered

**Welcome** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Announcements** Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

**Prelude** Calvary Paul Rodney

*In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.*

**Choral Introit** Jesus, I Will Ponder Now arr. J. S. Bach

## To Praise God's Name

**Call to Worship** adapted from Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God;  
according to your unfailing love;

***according to your great compassion  
blot out our transgressions.***

Wash away all our iniquities,  
and cleanse us from our sin.

***Create in us pure hearts, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within us.***

Then we will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will turn back to you.

***O Lord, open our lips,  
and our mouths will declare your praise.***

\* **Hymn** God of Grace and God of Glory

**Hymnal #420**

## Unison Prayer of Confession

*Eternal God, we take the Cross for granted. It has become a decoration or a piece of jewelry that we use to adorn our bodies. It has been usurped by our culture and has lost its original meaning. In our lives we shy away from hardships and difficulties especially when they have anything to do with our faith. We say with our lips that we would bear the cross, but our lives do not demonstrate this willingness. We are too comfortable and any thought of sacrificial living does not correlate with the success mentality in which we have been raised. Forgive us, Lord. And rekindle within us a sense of sacrifice that will enable us to recapture the sense of The Cross in our lives. We pray in the name of He who died on the Cross that we might live. Amen.*

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

\* **Song of Praise** Gloria Patri **Hymnal #579**

**Response** Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

**Choral Anthem** Merciful God arr. C. Courtney

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful to all who draw near You;  
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart, showing the cross they may cling to.

Helpless I come, broken in sin, found at the feet of Your mercy. Father forgive;  
May my sin be remembered no more. Merciful God, oh, abounding in love,  
faithful through times we have failed You.

Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed, foolish in word and ungrateful. Spirit of God.  
Conquer our hearts, with love that flows from forgiveness.

Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful to keep us from falling.  
Guiding our ways with Your fatherly heart, growing our faith with each testing.

God speed the day struggles will end; Faultless we'll gaze on Your glory.  
Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

## Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

*As our Passing of the Peace ends, all children through fifth grade  
are invited to depart for Children's Church.*

## To Hear God's Word

## Prayer for Illumination



## Announcements

The **Lay Reader** today is **Barbie Andrews**.

Our spring stated **Congregational Meeting** will be held today, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a slate of elders for the Session and to conduct any business of the church corporation.

All guests and members alike are encouraged to stay after church today for our **March Koinonia lunch**, our youth will serve spaghetti to raise money for camp scholarships. Following the Luncheon The Mission Study Task Force will be presenting the third installment of survey data, Places of Promise: "Finding Strengths in Your Congregations Location".

The Presbyterian **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received next Sunday. All gifts will be matched by our ACT for Missions trust.

The **Sanctuary** will again be **decorated for Easter**. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the floral decorations, please leave your donation in the church office and indicate for Easter decorations.

**S&K Gives Back:** S&K will have a special shopping program Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from Noon to 9pm at the S&K Menswear, River Ridge Mall. Shop at S&K and save an extra 10% off your total purchase and S&K will donate 5% of your total purchase to APC. Our very own Jeremy Eubank, who is the general manager, will be there to assist you.

Campbell County is planning to hold a Children's Book Fair in April 2009 to benefit families and promote children's literacy in the community. We would like to be able to allow each family to select a certain number of books free of charge. In order for this event to be possible, **we need books!** Therefore, we are requesting donations of gently used or new books for children of all ages. ANY children's books would be greatly appreciated! You may drop books off at Social Services during business hours or place them in the drop box after hours. If you need books picked up, please contact Shannon Carhart at 332-9764 or by e-mail at [skc031@piedmont.dss.state.va.us](mailto:skc031@piedmont.dss.state.va.us)

## Schedules

<b>Ushers, April</b>	Sue Ferguson, Mark Younkin, Gary & Jane Strebel
<b>Greeters, April</b>	Henry Pittard, Murrell Routon
<b>Lay Reader, April 5</b>	Glenn Berger
<b>Lay Reader, April 12</b>	Doug Hecht
<b>Nursery, April 5</b>	Martha Moore
<b>Nursery, Maundy Thurs.</b>	Jennifer McCrickard
<b>Nursery, Good Friday</b>	Abbey Bogert
<b>Nursery, April 12</b>	Kevin deBernard
<b>CC Helpers, April 5</b>	Doug & Anne Hecht
<b>Communion Servers, April 5</b>	David & Sally Sease, Maxine Montague, John & Cynthia Erb, Al Smith, Gary & Barbie Andrews

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *God's Transforming Power* Psalm of the week: 66

MONDAY	2 Corinthians 3:4-18	THURSDAY	Jeremiah 32:16-27
TUESDAY	I Peter 1:13-25	FRIDAY	Luke 9:1-6
WEDNESDAY	Hebrews 1:1-4	SATURDAY	Luke 24:36-53

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., March 29</b>	Sunday School Worship Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders Congregational meeting & Koinonia Meal immediately after worship	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Wed., April 1</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Lenten Luncheon Choir Practice	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>12 Noon</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun., April 5</b>	Sunday School Worship Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>

## People to Contact at APC

### Joys and Concerns for Prayer 3/29/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- The Mission Study Task Force Team
- The Nominating Committee
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others this year.
- Those who are lonely and those in need
- Financial uncertainty and the unemployed
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Dave Campe, Tim Coleman, Eula Dillon, Patty Eller, Dianne Emmett, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Jim Hankins, Elizabeth Hawkins, John Hawkins, Doug Hecht, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Charles Thomas, John Trotti, Heath Tuttle)
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Our church mission projects.
- John and Beth Muehleisen in Kenya/Uganda (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- John Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UNC.
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Tom Chappelle, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Martin Strebel, Margaret Young)

### **Session (Active Elders)**

Ron Coleman  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Kelly deBernard  
*Ministry Within the Congregation*

Rob Gilliam  
*Ministry Support*

Sang-il Lee  
*Prayer & Visitation*

Anne Mabry  
*Worship & Discipleship,  
Nominating Committee*

Jennifer McCrickard  
*Ministry Within the Congregation,  
Visitation*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Worship & Discipleship*

Caroline Peerman  
*Home Communion & Pulpit Supplies*

Chip Roark  
*Visitation, New Membership,  
Presbyterian Men*

John Tucker  
*Visitation & Nominating Committee*

Mark Younkin  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Bob Button  
*Moderator of Session*

### **Staff**

Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*

Dot Hogan  
*Organist*

Preston Andrews  
*Treasurer*

John Erb  
*Clerk of Session, Presbytery Delegate*

Shannon Moorman  
*Nursery Attendant*

### **Other Contacts**

Sue Ferguson  
*Link Newsletter Editor*

Sally Sease  
*Women's Circles*

Alline Rogers  
*Meal Coordinator*

Anne Mabry  
*Nursery Coordinator*

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