

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 11th, 2018

4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

Welcome *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Mo Kyle

Prelude

Silent Meditation

WE APPROACH GOD

Choral Introit

The Call to Worship *(from Psalm 107)*

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord for God's steadfast love and wonderful works to humankind!

Many: Let us tell of God's deeds with songs of joy!

•Hymn 207 *"How Lovely, Lord"*

•Fellowship Greeting

(Please feel free to drop any prayer requests you may have in the basket up front while greeting one another.)

Response as you return to your seat

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Chris-tian love:

The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds

Is like to that a-bove.

Prayer of Confession *(by Thom Shuman)*

The Light of the world has come, Ceaseless Creator, but we admit we love the shadows all around us. For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope.

Prayer of Confession *(continued)*

Forgive us, Eternal Love:

lead us from the shadows of sin

into the light of your joy;

raise us up, as your children,

so we may kneel in service to others;

shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace

you have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and

Savior.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Let the community of faith say so:

God's love endures forever!

Let those gathered in grace say so:

God's love endures forever!

This is the good news for us:

God's love endures forever.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Thank you, Lord, for sav - ing my soul. Thank you, Lord, for mak - ing me whole;

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Thank you, Lord, for giv - ing to me Thy great sal - va - tion, so rich and free.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world

Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;

Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.

(Children may go to downstairs to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon)

Anthem *"God So Loved the World"* Adult Choir
(Sir John Stainer 1840-1901)

Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21 *(page 87)*

(Revised Standard Version)

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the

world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"Let the Light In"* Rev. Dr. Amy Fetterman

WE RESPOND TO GOD

•Hymn 101 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

•Statement of Faith *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional - page 14)*

•Gloria Patri (#579)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther,

and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be,

world with-out end. A-men, A-men.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Mission and Ministry

Mo Kyle

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;

Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

•The Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #540 (verse 1)

God be with you till we meet a-gain;

Lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you.

With a Shep-herd's care en-fold you:

God be with you till we meet a-gain

Postlude

===== Anthem Notes =====

Sir John Stainer, composer of today's anthem, as a boy sang in the choir at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. At the age of 16 he was appointed organist at the newly-opened St. Michael's college, a school for church musicians. He became organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1872, serving until 1888 when he resigned because of failing eyesight. The anthem is one short movement from his Good Friday cantata "The Crucifixion" written in 1887, which is still performed the world over, particularly in Anglican churches, as well as in Africa and Australian churches and in various denominations in the Orient and the United States.

===== Guest Musician =====

Today's guest musician, also here last week is trumpeter Austin Wood. Austin is a sophomore Bio-mathematics major at Christopher Newport University in Newport News VA. He also plays trumpet in the Marching Captains, the Basketball Pep Band and is Trumpet section leader and the "high note guy" in the CNU Jazz Ensemble. In his spare time, he's a runner—daily runs, plus various community races. He graduated from Wilson Memorial and Shenandoah Valley Governor's School with a 4.4 grade point average. At Wilson he was in the marching, concert, jazz, and pep bands and was selected for the highly competitive auditioned All-Virginia Band. Along the way he also became proficient on the piano, flute, xylophone, and bassoon. He ran cross country and track, going to states in both sports and after school was out his senior year he skipped graduation to run in the 4x800 relay at the State Track Meet, where his coach presented him with his diploma. Out of a field of 11 from schools all over the county, he was selected as the Leader Papers Student Athlete of the Year in 2016. Austin has been an active member of The Stonewall Brigade Band since 7th grade and serves on the band foundation board of directors. His career goal is research in genetics.

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters John & Mary Ann Anderson

Lay Leader Mo Kyle

Offering Brian Lee Katie McElveen
D. W. Miller Joe Moore

Nursery Joyce Davis, Louise Hoy

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Circle Leaders

Afternoon Circle - Barbara Gough & Jackie Law
Evening Circle - Irene Elliott & Louise Hoy

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Mac Williams, President

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Mission Statement

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.