



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 28 , 2010

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CHIMES

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

PRELUDE My Song Is Love Unknown Williams

†CALL TO WORSHIP

†HYMN 469 Morning Has Broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God,
you have formed a covenant with us,
committing yourself to us
and inviting us to walk with you.
Yet we have resisted,
preferring to go in different ways,
seeking other companions,
thinking we know best.
Now we find ourselves far from life,
farther still from you.
Help us find our way back.**

**Have mercy on our waywardness,
stir us to accept what you have to offer,
gift us with faith
so that we can hold the hand you have extended
to us in Jesus Christ.**

(Silent Prayer)

Pour out your mer-cy and hear our prayer Pour out your grace and cleanse our hearts.
5 Pour out your love and make us whole. Pour out your-self
8 O God, pour out your-self and save us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON Genesis 15:1-18

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

*God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptaton my light, my help, is near.
(Refrain)*

*Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;
what terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?
(Refrain)*

*Rely on God's protection, with courage wait each day;
God's truth be your affection, when weak, your hope and stay.
(Refrain)*

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN - II

ANTHEM - II

Ave Verum Corpus

Mozart

LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

The Faith of Abraham

Eric Rhoda

Silence and Stillness

†HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER - I

**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
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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - II (*please echo the cantor*)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Desire

Camp

†RESPONSE

Hymn 592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures, here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the gift of faith.

**As your chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown,
so may your church be granted such faith
that we may follow you with courage
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.**

†HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Widor

Worship Notes

Large print bulletins are available from an usher. †Please stand if able. **Bold** type indicates unison response.

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Serving Today

MUSICIANS

I/II - Michael Kahl and Brandi Neely; soloists
II - Chancel Choir

SCHEDULED GREETERS

I - Donna Lewis, Beverly Fisher, Tom Newbern, Nanette Newbern

II - Ann Huie, Jerry Huie, Theresa Holloman, Tony Larson, Louise Larson, Patrick Powers

SCHEDULED USHERS

I - Jeff Thompson, Jeanne Thompson

II - Don Priour, Ron Peterson, Jim Dobie, Charlie Dobbins, Priscilla Dobbins, Phil Zimmer, Andrew Andersen, Karen Andersen

ACOLYTES

Christopher Jones and Esther Bowers

READERS

I - Rita Odom
II - Elaine Payne

NURSERY AND EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

Ann Brunsvold and Judy Ferguson

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Cathy Long, Janet Packard, Joan Craft, Marilyn Sinclair, Stuart Lohmeyer, Julie Land, Rita Odom, Amy Billeiter, Meg Scott Johnson, Sam Junkin, Ben Doerries, Eric Rhoda

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Let Us Pray...

...for those in the hospital this week:
Carolyn Bruner, Mel Appel

Let Us Worship God

Friday Lenten service March 5 in the chapel at 12:00 noon. The preacher is Hal D'Amico. The soloist is Maggie Meek.

Adult Sunday School Classes

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES IN EVERYDAY LIVING: Our discussion will be facilitated by Meg Scott-Johnson, DASD in room 204.

TALKING THEOLOGY, led by Eric Rhoda in Schreiner Chapel.

HERE'S THE CHURCH, led by Sam Junkin in Ryan Hall.

ISAIAH CONTINUED! led by Ben Doerries in room 208.



Welcome to Worship



We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us this Sunday. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our church family. After worship, elders present will gather near the communion table to meet with those who have an interest in uniting with us. Welcome brochures are in the pews and on the table in the narthex, where you will also find a walking-tour guide describing the art of this church.

FPC Community Briefs

Join us for our 12:00 Lenten services held on Fridays, February 26 through March 26 in Schreiner Chapel. Lunch will follow each service in Ryan Hall. Cost will be \$3.00 payable at the door.

One Great Hour of Sharing Challenge: The Mission and Stewardship Committee invites you to take the "40 Dollars in 40 Days" challenge this Lent. Set aside \$1/day for each of the 40 days in Lent and make a donation to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes are in the pews.

A **Dinner Theater**, presented by the Schreiner University Choir featuring music from the 70's and 80's, will be held in the FLC. All proceeds will go toward the Schreiner Choir program and to raise money for the Germany/Austria Choir tour in May 2010. The following are a list of times and dates:

March 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Presentation
\$25.00 for adults; \$10 for Schreiner students and children 12 and under

March 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Presentation only
\$15.00 for adults; \$10.00 for Schreiner students and children 12 and under

March 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Presentation
\$25.00 for adults; \$10.00 for Schreiner students and children 12 and under

To purchase tickets please contact Ashley Vega at 361-229-9797 or at acvega@schreiner.edu or contact the church office at 257-3310.

It's not too late to make a donation to the **CROP Walk**. The Stewardship and Mission Committee is matching any donations and received up to \$500. Seventy-five percent of donations will go to Church World Services and 25% will be split evenly between The Salvation Army, CAM, and St. Vincent de Paul. Checks can be given to the church office.

Calendar for February 28-March 7

Sunday, February 28

8:30/11:00 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
3:00 Voci di Sorelle concert
4:00 The Well; Jr. High
6:30 The Well; Sr. High

Monday, March 1

5:00 Planning and Training
5:30 CE, Rm 206
6:30 Stephen Ministries training;
FLC 500

Tuesday, March 2

6:45 River Hill Bible Study
9:15 Staff
10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study
4:00 Bell choir

Wednesday, March 3

9:30 Building Task Force;
Pastor's office
9:45 CC Chapel
12:00 Sewing Group
3:15 Koinonias
6:00 Diaconate; Rm 208
7:00 Choir

Thursday, March 4

9:30 PW Council Mtg; Rm 208
3:00 Stephen Ministries, MSS
5:15 Children's Ministries; library

Friday, March 5

10:30 Plaza on the River
12:00 Lenten service; chapel
6:00 SU dinner theater; FLC

Saturday, March 6

11:00 HOPES Kitchen
3:30/6:00 SU dinner theater; FLC

Sunday, March 7

8:30/11:00 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
2:30 Divide
4:00 The Well; Jr. High
6:00 SU dinner theater; FLC
6:30 The Well; Sr. High