



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 29, 2009

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

CHIMES

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

PRELUDE Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God Lafferty/Pachelbel

†CALL TO WORSHIP

†HYMN 220 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
your giving is without end;
but we struggle to receive all that you offer.
We misuse your gifts,
ignoring your intents,
and refusing your abundance.
We hoard what you would have us share,
and throw away what you would have us keep.**

**Forgive us and help us discern your priorities.
Govern our hearts with your spirit,
so that we can live into the fullness of the gospel,
and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

†RESPONSE

Sure-ly it is God who saves us; We will trust in Him and not be a - fraid - For the

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Lord is our strong-hold and our sure - de-fense, and He will-be our Sav-ior.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 119 (*Congregation joins in refrain, as directed*)

O Lord, you have the words of life; O teach me your ways.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN—II

ANTHEM—II

Abba

Courtney

Abba, Abba, like a whisper on the wind I hear my name.
In a sound so like a sigh, again it came.
Your disciples gathered with You do not hear,
Yet the whisper of my name has reached my ear.
I am here, my Son, here in the upper room.
I hear the water gently splash, I see the Servant King attending to His friends.
Here I am, here in the upper room.
But as You serve the bread and wine,
the broken body and the blood are Yours alone.
Abba, Abba, like a whisper on the wind I hear my name.
In a sound so like a sigh, again it came.
With a whisper that is heard by God alone,
My only Son begins His painful journey home.

LESSON

John 12:20-33

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

SERMON

Right There

John W. Wurster

SILENT REFLECTION

†HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS—II

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Apostles' Creed)

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended
into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I—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 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.

II—THE LORD'S PRAYER (*please echo the Cantor*)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I—Lenten Meditation

Gardner

II—Do Lord, Remember Me

Stephenson

†RESPONSE

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo-ple
7 here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
13 Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Almighty God,
we thank you for your Son
who came into the world to free us from sin and death.

**Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ
and serve you in holiness and righteousness
all of our days. Amen.**

†HYMN 400

When We Are Living

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G Minor

Bach

Worship Notes

A note from the lyricist of *Abba*, Susan Bentall Boersma: When asked to think about the Upper Room from the perspective of God the Father, I was at first overwhelmed by imagery. The participants, the celebration, the singing, the washing of feet, the meal, the aromas, the candlelight, all blurred together in one familiar scene. However, after spending some time in prayerful contemplation, what finally came into focus was the Father/Son relationship—God the Father, ‘one’ with the Son in the Godhead but separated at that moment by Christ’s humanity, and Christ Jesus the Son, fully engaged with His disciples in the celebration of the Passover, but with His mind and heart set on His Father and the suffering ahead. The pathos of that moment provided the inspiration for the text of *Abba*.

The Litany of Thanksgiving is from *Eggs and Ashes* by Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill.

The Doxology text (Hymn 591) is by Neil Weatherhogg, pastor of this congregation, 1974—1981.

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing penitence.

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Serving Today

MUSICIANS

I—Tim Summerlin, soloist
II—Chancel Bell Choir,
Chancel Choir

SCHEDULED GREETERS

I—Sue Dyke, Margie Cole,
Margaret van Landingham

II—Bill Bond, Diane
Latham, Julia Russell,
Claire Russell, Judy
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SCHEDULED USHERS

I — Archie Campbell, Bob
Harris, Janell and Don
Steele, Betty Pelton

II—Ben Doerries, Jean and
Jim Hunter, Shirley and
Bob Schmerbeck, Kathy
and Gary Heim

ACOLYTES

Kyle Brooke
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WATER BEARER

Erin Brooke

READERS

I— Jim Laughlin
II—Carmen Sullivan

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Kim Lohmeyer
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CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Joan Craft
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Cathy Long
Rita Odom
Janet Packard
Warren Schlechte
Marilyn Sinclair
Cheryl and Blake Smith
June Smith

VIDEO TAPING

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Let Us Pray ...

...for those in the hospital this week:

Walter Oggoian, Stan Cobbs, Ruth Pippin

...Barbara Frombaugh, Jacqueline Briggs,
Greg Garcia

...for family and friends of Jean Onion, who died
on March 25 in Kerrville.

Let Us Worship God...

FRIDAY LENTEN SERVICE. Join us at noon on April 3 in Schreiner Chapel. Elaine Murray is the preacher. A senior at Schreiner University, Elaine will be attending Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in the fall. Soloist is Cheryl Smith. A \$3.00 soup lunch follows in Ryan Hall.



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 also on the table in the narthex, where you will also find a walking-tour guide describing the art of this church.

FPC Community Briefs

Fellowship III will gather at the home of Sam and June Begeman, 180 Dawn Dr., on Friday, April 3 at 5:00. New members are encouraged to attend as this is a great way to meet your new church family. Meat will be provided. Bring your beverage of choice and a dish to share. To sign up for appetizer, side dish or dessert, call the church office, 257-3310, by April 1.

B.O.G. is sponsoring an **Easter Children's Party** complete with games, refreshments, and an egg hunt, Sunday, April 5 from 3:00—4:00, in the FLC. All children in 3rd grade and younger are invited to attend.

Once again we are serving breakfast casseroles following the 6:30 a.m. Easter sunrise service. We need volunteers to donate casseroles for the breakfast. We could also use a volunteer or two to help serve. If you would be willing to bake a casserole or help serve, please call Shannon in the church office.

OK! Let's get a show of hands! This year FPC is planning an **intergenerational All Church Family Retreat** for fellowship and worship at Mo-Ranch on Oct. 10—11! We will begin at noon on Saturday and check out by noon on Sunday. Due to the commitment we must make, it is important that we gauge the interest of the congregation. Questionnaires are available in the narthex and in the church office. Please check your calendar, answer the questions, and return the form to the church office or put it in the offering plate by Sunday, April 12.

Calendar for March 29—April 5

Sunday, Mar. 29

- 8:30/11:00 Worship service
- 9:45 Sunday school
- 4:00 The Well—junior highs
- 5:15 Dinner
- 5:45 The Well—senior highs

Monday, Mar. 30

Tuesday, Mar. 31

- 6:45 Men's Bible study and breakfast, Riverhill CC
- 9:15 Staff

Wednesday, April 1

- 9:30 Ch. Corner chapel
- 11:00 Bible moderators
- 12:00 Sewing group
- 2:00 Currie series mtg.
- 3:15 Koinonias
- 5:00 Corazon choir
- 6:00 Diaconate
- 7:00 Choir

Thursday, April 2

- 9:30 PW Council, room 208
- 3:00 Stephen Ministers
- 5:15 Children's Ministry

Friday, April 3

- 10:30 Plaza on the River
- 12:00 Lenten worship service; soup lunch
- 5:00 Fellowship III to Begeman's

Saturday, April 4

- CSI Day
- 11:00 HOPES Kitchen

Sunday, April 5

- PALM SUNDAY
- 8:30/11:00 Worship service
- 9:45 Sunday school
- 2:30 Divide
- 3:00 BOG Squad Easter party/egg hunt
- 4:00 The Well—junior highs
- 5:45 The Well—senior highs

Adult Sunday School

The Book of Isaiah will study the most prolific Old Testament prophet and explore the themes of what Isaiah meant then and means for us now. Led by Ben Doerries. Ryan Hall.

The Life and Legacy of John Calvin: This class is full for this term; but, it will be repeated later in the year. Room 207. Led by John Wurster.

Called to Care for Creation: The class will discuss "Food and Water: the Holy Basics of Life." Led by Fane Downs and Elaine Payne. Room 206. *(Please note new room assignment.)*

1 Peter: The class will consider the Christian response to authority in I Peter 2:18-3:22, specifically the role of citizens, slaves, wives and husbands. Led by Rob Lohmeyer. Room 208. *(Please note new room assignment.)*

