

# First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

**CHIMING THE HOUR** WORDS OF WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY (Children ages 3 yrs. –  $2^{nd}$  grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)  $\dagger$ PRELUDE .......Burgmuller

Harmony of the Angels Gather to remember and share stories of faith; Leader: rejoice in the goodness of the loving God. PEOPLE: BEFORE OUR STORIES BEGAN, THERE WAS GOD; THROUGH ALL OUR DAYS, GOD WALKS WITH US. Leader: Worship the one who gives and sustains life; sing praises to the one who is our refuge. **PEOPLE:** THERE IS NO PLACE WE CAN GO WHERE GOD IS NOT; AMID LIFE'S TERRORS, GOD'S PROMISES HOLD TRUE. Leader: Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy; dance with God, who frees us from new possibilities. WE CALL OUT TO GOD, EXPECTING TO BE HEARD; UNISON: WE LISTEN. KNOWING THERE IS TRUTH TO BE RECEIVED. \*WORSHIP HYMN.....(see screen) Change My Heart O God

#### \*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of history, whose Word is alive in us, write Your truth into our lives this day. Work Your signs and wonders in our midst. Show us Your salvation. Be present in our troubles and in our triumphs. Lead us away from bondage to things that do not matter. Show us the better land You intend for us, where barriers no longer divide and true community is born. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI......CH. 35 Glorv Be to the Father

### THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 835)	Luke 4:1-3
ANTHEM	Southern Folk Hymn
	rous Love
SECOND READING (pg. 158)	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
MESSAGE	Pastor Mark E. Poindexter
SILENT MEDITATION	
MORNING PRAYER	

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERTORY Isaa	ac Watts

The Wonderful Cross

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

From the abundance entrusted to us, we offer up the best we can give. Guide our use of this precious trust, that it may be spent in ways You choose, in places where You would send us, for the sake of people among whom You wish to dwell. May we bear witness to Your abiding love, not only with money but with dedicated lives. Allow us to be instruments of assurance and compassion in our homes and wherever our journeys lead. Amen.

GIVE THANKSCH. 528
Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

## **COMMUNION INVITATION**

COMMUNION HYMN......CH. 211 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

## His Eye is On the Sparrow

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF INVITATION......CH. 323

## Wonderful Words of Life

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

\*BENEDICTION

\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

May You Run and Not be Weary

† Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder Youth attend LIVE BIG!

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## **DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Mary Bond, Thomas Thornton, Mary Peris, Nathan Loftis



Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today. We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!



## The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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