

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The service of worship begins with the music.

Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty of God, in its quietness, God's peace.

~ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ~

**WELCOME, REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the attendance sheet and pass it to the end of the pew for usher pickup.)

THE PRELUDE Jahnna Reck

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*HYMN NO. 98 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by John 3:14-21 and Ephesians 2:1-10)

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: **Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it, those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!**

Leader: Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

People: **O give thanks to God for such unswerving love, for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.**

*A MODERN AFFIRMATION

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

People: **We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual

remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *(8:45 am only)* HYMNAL PG. 39

Carter Maye Truesdale

BAPTISMAL SONG

Carter, Carter, God claims you. God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

Carter, Carter, God claims you. God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

ANTHEM "The Love of God" by Lehman

8:45 am - Danielle Knox, soloist

11:00 am - The Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Love, you gave us your only Son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response to this gift. Our gifts could never repay you. May these gifts be a token of our giving of our lives to you. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Jahnna Reck

*THE DOXOLOGY OLD 100th

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

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

*HYMN OF PREPARATION TFWs 2108 PATRICIA "O How He Loves You and Me"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Josh Consalvo

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:14-21 NT PG 94

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

THE MESSAGE Rev. Alex Stevenson "Love Starts Here: God's Love"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

*HYMN NO. 504 "The Old Rugged Cross" THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*THE POSTLUDE Jahnna Reck **Congregation will please stand as able.*

Our service of worship has ended.

Let our worship through service begin.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all Questers Class members.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 25 @ 8:45 & 11:00 am:

Brass Quintet and choir will lead us in singing Hosannas and remembering Jesus' last week before his crucifixion.

Maundy Thursday, March 29 @ 7:00 pm:

Remember Jesus' Last Supper including foot washing and Holy Communion!

Good Friday, March 30 @ 7:00 pm:

We will recall Jesus' death on the cross with readings from John's Gospel. This will include a Tenebrae Service - service of light & shadows.

Easter Sunrise, April 1 @ 7 am:

Recall the resurrection in a community service at Aldersgate.

Easter Sunday Services, April 1 @ 8:45 & 11:00 am:

Celebrate the resurrection and new life through Jesus!

Plan to come! Bring a friend!

WE ARE COLLECTING CANDY FOR MESSY EASTER!

We need **Individually wrapped candy** that can be put in treat bags for the Egg Hunt (no peanuts or peanut products, please) and **jelly beans** (plain, ordinary jelly beans) and **Peeps** to be used for several activities. If you're not sure what to get but would like to help with Messy Easter, you can donate money (*please designate for Messy Church*) and we will shop for what we need.

TODAY WE WELCOME JAHNNA RECK as our guest musician. She is graciously filling in for Ryland while he is out. Thank you and welcome Jahanna!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, March 8, 2018:

NHC-Boiling Spring Road: Bill C. Smith

Wake Forest Hospital: Ann Armstrong

Home: Alton Durham, Beth Rambo, Tom Barnhill, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Barbara Morrow, Larry Stallcup, Jim Dansby **Cascades:** Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Patti Whelchel

Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Nita Bearden

Mt. Pleasant, SC: Florence Hale **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale

Haywood Estates: Ann Linse **NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey

Westminster Senior Living at Augusta Place: Melba Poole

Waterstone: Ruth Gunter **Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor

Rolling Green: Jan Ellington, Wayne Rowan, Wilma Tiedeman

Mt. Home Health/Rehab, NC: Nancy Reitz

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 11, 2018: UMCOR Offering

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

5:00 pm Club 56 @ The Loft & Youth @ The House

Monday, March 12, 2018: Newsletter Submission Deadline

1:00 pm Bridge—Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

6:30 pm Trustees Mtg. - Library

Tuesday, March 13, 2018:

9:30 am Women of Faith – Parker Hall & Classrooms

10:30 am Louise Best Circle – Haddon Friendship Class

12:00 pm Susanna Wesley Circle – Parker Hall

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, March 14, 2018:

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions Class

10:00 am Mary Teasley Circle – Haddon Friendship Class

5:30 pm Connect Meal – Parker Hall

6:30 pm Lenten Message/Continuing Classes

7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room

ATTENDANCE

March 4, 2018

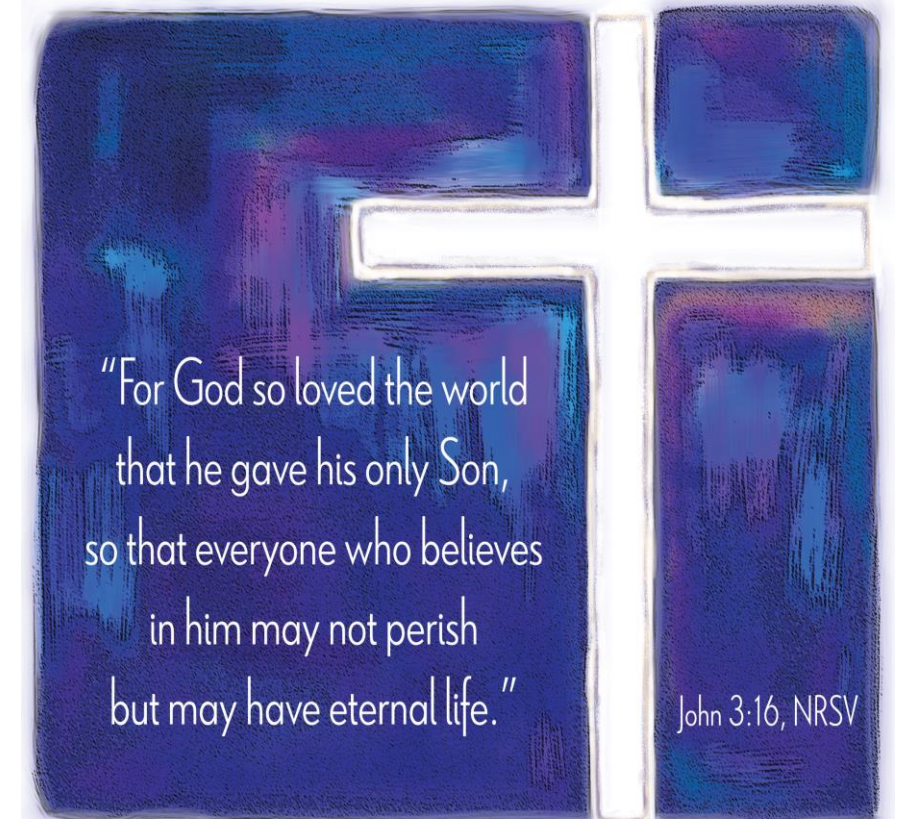
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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

March 11, 2018

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

SERVING TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Adyson Davis 11:00 am Bill Smith

Greeters: 8:45am Susan & Bill Smith

11:00 am Jane & Bill Williamson

Acolytes: 8:45 am Adyson Davis 11:00 am James Whiteman

Crucifer: 11:00 am Daniel Whiteman

Usher Captains: 8:45 am David McAvoy 11:00 am Frank Mathis

Ushers: 8:45 am Eddie Beam, Henry Scoggins, Suzanne Haney
11:00 am Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, Trey Covington, Coley Altman, III, Paul Sleight

MINISTRY STAFF

The Rev. Alex Stevenson, Pastor (ext. 207)

Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation (ext. 211)

Ruth Hughes, Director of Children's & Leisure Min. (ext. 204)

Dr. Grant Knox, Dir. of Music (ext. 208)

Ryland Brown, Musician

Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (ext. 202)

Josh Consalvo, Director of Youth (ext. 212)

Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (ext. 210)

Cameron Vaughn, Financial Secretary (ext. 206)

MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon

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MISSION STATEMENT

... We are called to make disciples by embracing all people with God's love in Christ and equipping each other for service to God and His world.

VISION STATEMENT

Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God! 