

The Worship of God

February 2, 2020 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude

Thine Is the Glory

Handbell Choir

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

As the prelude begins, let us prepare silently for worship.

Ritual of Friendship (Please pass the Fellowship Pad)

Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Worship

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

One: Blessed are those who hunger for justice,

All: For they will be filled.

One: Blessed are the pure in heart,

All: For they will see God.

One: Blessed are the peacemakers,

All: For they will be called children of God.

One: Blessed are we when we gather to hear God's Word,

All: For we will be nurtured and sustained.

+Congregational Introit (see insert) *Blest Are They*

BLEST ARE THEY

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #372

O for a World

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (From *Call to Worship* - Year A)

Surprising God, You have made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things that enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable. God of blessing, reorient our hearts, and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and – in all things – walk humbly with you.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

**The Gloria Patri*

Hymn #581

*Those who are able, please stand
+ 11:00 Worship Service only

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come! Live in the Light!

arr. Paul A. Tate

**The Doxology* Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Word

+Conversation with the Children

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8

(8:30) Solo

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Gail Thomas, soprano

Anthem

Offertory

John Ness Beck

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon

"Esse Quam Videri"

"T" Worrell

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Page 35 of Hymnal

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision

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*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response

Offertory

Beck

Postlude

Calendar for the Week

Sunday 2/2

8:30am

Early Worship – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:45am

Sunday School

11:00am

Worship – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

12:00pm

Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch

Tues 2/4

6:00pm

55+ Dinner at the Purple Onion

Wed 2/5

10:00am

PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thurs 2/6

6:00pm

Handbells

7:00pm

Chancel Choir

Fri 2/7

2-6pm

Faithful First Friday at St. Brendan's Catholic Church

Sunday 2/9

8:30am

Early Worship – 5th Sunday after Epiphany -Food Pantry Collection

9:45am

Sunday School

11:00am

Worship – 5th Sunday after Epiphany -Food Pantry Collection

Following worship

Children/Youth Choir (snacks/lunch will be provided)

12:15pm

Personnel Committee Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this service of Worship. Our prayer is that all will be blessed as we worship together. Visitors, please fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter as you leave worship. Thank you.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by **Debbie & Steve Wingfield** to the **Glory of God** and **with grateful hearts for His grace and His many blessings.**

NAMETAGS - Today is the first Sunday for our new SPC nametags for all members and regular attendees. We are asking that everyone get used to using them on Sunday mornings to make it easier for Rev. Laura (Interim Pastor) and visitors to get to know us better. The nametags will be located on carts in the narthex every Sunday morning. If you are an Elder or Deacon currently serving on the respective boards, please use your magnetic nametag. If you do not find your nametag, please contact the church office (910-754-6929). At the end of the service, please place your nametags in the baskets provided at each exit from the sanctuary.

SBIC (The Lord's Food Pantry) is selling a local merchant discount card as a fundraiser to support food purchases. Cards are \$10 and can be purchased from Bill Johnston, Mike Claxton or the church office.

*Copies of the weekly 11:00 Worship Service are available on CD in the Narthex and Video Podcast will be downloaded to church website and Facebook (www.shallottechurch.org) by Tuesday morning as a courtesy to Members, Visitors, and those unable to attend
Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. – 38; 11:00a.m. – 113*

Prayer Concerns: Tim Bartlett, John Buechner, Kat Cheves, Betty Church, Betty Coggins, Larry Cook, Pat Dobbins, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Bill Kelly, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Bert Lamport, Ann Long, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Mary Sanderford, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon, Carole Stephenson and Bob Williams.

Minister

Robin Fort, Music Director

Randy Warner, Organist/Pianist

Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder

Hery Ramambaso, Regional Liaison for Southeast Asia and the Pacific



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