

The Worship of God

March 8, 2020 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude *Impromptu in A-flat major, Op.142, No.2* Franz Schubert

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: Return to the Lord your God,

All: for God is gracious.

One: Confess to the Lord your God,

All: for God is merciful.

One: Repent to the Lord your God,

All: for God is slow to anger.

One: Praise the Lord your God, for God abounds in steadfast love.

All: Together we will worship our God, who is worthy of all praise!

+Introit *I Lift My Eyes to the Mountain on High* Randy Edwards

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Your word still rings true, Lord, generation after generation. You are a God who keeps promises. Yet we confess that we would prefer your work to conform to our timeline, and even better to our desires. We confess that our hands are busied by work we design. Our minds are prone to wander, and our hearts forget to love. The passions offered up by the world distract us from our promises to help build your Kingdom. Forgive us, O God, for our impatience. Help us slow down, get real and be completely honest with ourselves and with you. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

*Response of Praise *Hear the Good News of Salvation* Hymn #441, verse 1

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and *Food Pantry Collection*

Offertory *Sarabande No. 1 in A minor* Johannes Brahms

*Response of Thanks *The Doxology* Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Word

+Conversation with the Youth/Children

Joyce Winkler

Old Testament Reading Psalm 121

+Anthem *God So Loved the World* arr. Benjamin Harlan

New Testament Reading John 3:1-17

Sermon **"Born from Above"** Rev. Laura Viau

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith Faith Begins by Letting Go #684

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #309 *"Come, Great God of All the Ages"* ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *This Lent, O Lord, Empower Us* arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Postlude *Sonata in G minor, K.8*

*Those who are able, please stand

+ 11:00 Worship Service only

We are thankful to have Jessica Eaton with us to accompany our service. She comes to us from Conway, SC. She is a classical pianist holding a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance and a Certificate in Injury Preventive Keyboard Technique from Salem College.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday 3/8

Daylight saving time begins

8:30am Early Worship – 2nd Sunday in Lent – Food Pantry Collection

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship – 2nd Sunday in Lent – Food Pantry Collection

Mon 3/9

5:45pm Finance Meeting

7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tues 3/10

6:00pm CE Meeting

Wed 3/11

8:30am Property & Grounds Meeting

10:30am Circle #1

Noon Lenten Lunch at Seaside United Methodist Church

1:30pm Joyce Skeen Circle

Thurs 3/12

6:00pm Handbells

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Sunday 3/15

8:30am Early Worship – 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Newsletter Deadline

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 **H.A. "Rusty" & Carol Petrea** to the **Glory of God** and in loving memory of **our parents, Howard & Jean Petrea** and **W. Ralph Strother** and in loving honor of **Joyce Strother**.

Thank you for continuing the use of nametags. The nametags are located on a table in the narthex every Sunday morning. 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.

South Brunswick Interchurch Council is holding a Pancake Breakfast to benefit The Lord's Food Pantry (this is the pantry SPC supports) on 4 April 7:30 - 10 AM at Hwy 55 in Shallotte. Ticket are \$7 and includes all you can eat pancakes, 2 strips of bacon and 1 drinks. Tickets can be purchased from Mike Claxton or the Church Office.

SBIC (The Lord's Food Pantry) is selling a local merchant discount card as a fundraiser to support food purchases. Cards are \$5 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 uploaded 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. – 51; 11:00a.m. – 116

Prayer Concerns: Tim Bartlett, Erskine Blount, 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.



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Rev. Laura Viau, Interim
Robin Fort, Music Director
Randy Warner, Organist/Pianist
Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder
Hery Ramambasoa, Regional Liaison for Southeast Asia and the Pacific

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