

February 28, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Second Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Schuyler McGinnis

Prelude

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Johann Walther

***Call to Worship**

Zella Williams, Senior Adult Coordinator

Leader: Put away your hesitation to come before God; quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

People: God is our light and salvation; whom shall we fear?

Leader: Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance; look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

People: God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: Let us watch and wait with our Creator; let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

People: Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.

***Hymn 117**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

Call to Confession

Larry Moore

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of all people, we confess that we would like to claim your majesty and power for our exclusive benefit. We relish the good things of life and are reluctant to share with those who seem less deserving. We resist the prophets who point out our greed, even when we feel we are being generous. We resent persons in positions of authority over us who seem not to have our best interests at heart. We are angry about ones whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished. O God, how can we receive your mercy when we are so reluctant to pass it on? Help us to center our lives in your love more than on our own desires.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God does not cast us off or forsake us but is with us in our suffering and adversity. Even when we live as enemies of the cross, the God of Jesus Christ does not give up on us. Surely there is shelter for us in the midst of our troubles and forgiveness when we have gone our own way. Lift up your eyes to behold God's promises. Praise God with songs and shouts of joy. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (see insert)

Reeves Alexander Barrineau

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 27

Page 619 (OT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Page 242 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ah, Holy Jesus
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Dorothy Wells

***Doxology No. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Children's Message

Alice Balentine

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn No 396**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

†*Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

Page 74 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Warning Jesus"

Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 419**

I Am Thine, O Lord

I Am Thine

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

****Please stand if you are able***

Nursery Provided