

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

March 11, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

People: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Leader: Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: And every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5b-11

*Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* #263

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus, have mercy upon us. We are not quick to proclaim Christ as savior. We have our own desires that demand our devotion. Other people have power over us that we dare not deny. We sometimes confuse Christ's will and our own. At times it is awkward to confess him the source of new life. With compassion he suffers, aware of our plight. O God, hear our confession, and through Christ keep us upright.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Dvořák

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us, upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

People: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Tune: Quebec; *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* #494
People's part paraphrased by Michael Morgan

Leader: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue.

People: O Lord, in whom my soul confides
My refuge sure amid the strife
O let me not in shame reside
But through Thy grace reclaim my life.

Leader: Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name, lead and guide me. Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

People: Be Thou my rock, my sure defense
My fortress which no force can break;
Remain my guide, and lead me forth
To praise Thee for Thy mercy's sake.

Leader: But I trust in you, LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

People: My life, my days, are in Thy hand,
Naught can the threat of death remove;
Turn now to me Thy shining face,
And save me through thy steadfast love.

Scripture Reading: First Peter 2:2-10

Anthem: *Kyrie eleison* Eric W. Unruh
Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Time for Young Disciples
(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #12

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-7

Sermon: I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life Steve Newton

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #377

*Benediction

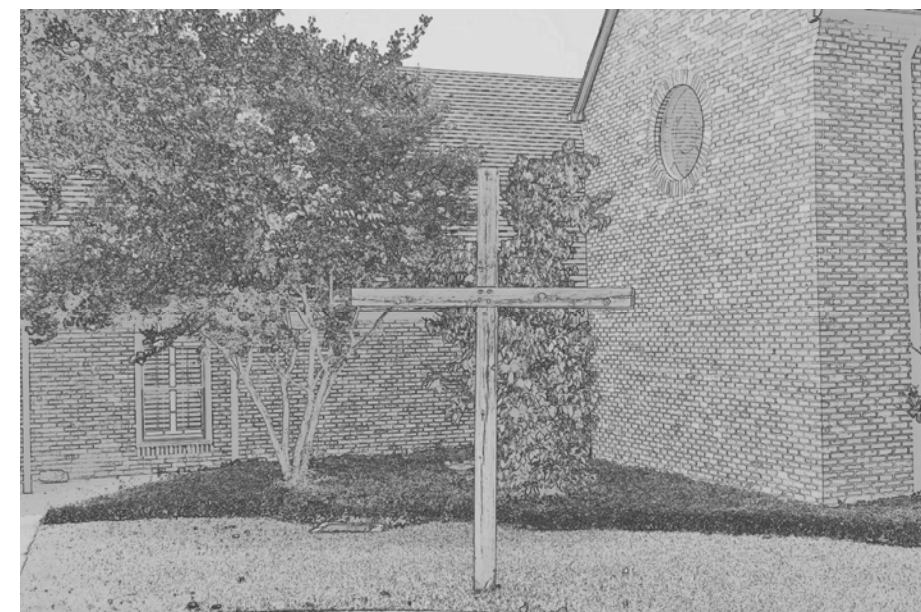
*Choral Response: *I Come with Joy* #515
verse 5

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

John 14:1-7

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ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Ushers: Larry Walker Margaret Sultenfuss
Diana Walker Terri Moehring

Shepherd: Chris Bray

Liturgist: Robin Moore

Reader: John Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 12

1:00 pm Circle Meeting
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Sunday, March 18

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth

TODAY’S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Marilyn Tutwiler in loving memory of David Prince.

THE SESSION

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson
Clarence Bahs
Deborah Dalton
Kristi Hachtel
Michele Peck

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie
Robin Moore
Ray Taylor
Patricia Thompson
Betsy Tucker

Class of 2020

Ken Deppisch
Bennie Kitchens
Terry Kline
Terri Moehring
Barbara Stump

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All the Members of the Congregation

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