

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 7, 2010

Eleven O' Clock in the Morning

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

CENTERING PRAYER

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAISE

VOLUNTARY

“Offertory from *St. Cecelia Mass*” Charles Gounod

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Enter Into His Gates” Robert E. Scoggins

† HYMN NO. 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

† AT THE BIRTH OF A CHILD

Hail the day on which this child,
Grace Neely Withrow was born.
Rejoice! Let us all sing and praise God
for blessing us with her birth.
Greet this day with joy as we pray together.
Loving God,
who has created us to be your children:
you have blessed us with Grace Neely.
We praise you for the gift of her life. Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please write your name in the Friendship Pad on the center aisle and pass it to your neighbor. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so that we may share additional information about our church.

PRAYERS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
you have invited us to feast at your table,
and we have rejected your invitation.
You have called us to taste your goodness,
and we have turned away to other gods.
You have commanded us to share your bounty with others,
and we have consumed at the expense of our neighbors.
For those of us who are hungry,

O God, give bread.
And for those of us who have bread,
give us a hunger for justice and righteousness;
through Jesus Christ,
the bread of life, we pray.

KYRIE

“Lord Have Mercy” Adam Ward

SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55. 1-9 Old Testament Page 647

† PSALTER, NO. 788

Psalm 63.1-8

† GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14. 16-24 New Testament Page 71

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Eating the Gospel”

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 881

Apostles' Creed

† GLORIA PATRI, NO. 71

“Glory Be to the Father” GREATOREX

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O God, Thou Art My God” Henry Purcell

The text of the anthem is taken from Psalm 63. 1-5, 8.

O God, Thou art my God: early will I seek Thee. My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh also longeth after Thee in a barren and dry land, where no water is. Thus have I looked for Thee in holiness, that I might behold Thy power and glory. For Thy loving kindness is better than life itself. My lips shall praise Thee. As long as I live will I magnify Thee on this manner, and lift up my hands in Thy name. Because Thou hast been my helper, therefore, under the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice. Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son. Glory be to God the Spirit: ever three and ever one. One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

† 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.

† HYMN NO. 649

“Victim Divine” SELENA

Victim Divine, Thy grace we claim,
While thus Thy precious death we show:
Once offered up a spotless Lamb,
In Thy great temple here below,
Thou didst for all mankind atone,
And standest now before the throne.

Thou standest in the holy place,
As now for guilty sinners slain;
The blood of sprinkling speaks, and prays,
All prevalent for helpless man;
Thy blood is still our ransom found,
And speaks salvation all around.

The smoke of Thy atonement here
Darkened the sun, and rent the veil,
Made the new way to Heaven appear,
And showed the great Invisible;
Well-pleased in Thee, our God looked down,
And calls His rebels to a crown.

He still respects Thy sacrifice;
Its savor sweet doth always please:
The offering smokes through earth and skies,
Diffusing life, and joy, and peace;
To these, Thy lower courts, it comes,
And fills them with divine perfumes.

We need not now go up to Heav'n,
To bring the long-sought Savior down;
Thou art to all already given,
Thou dost e'en now Thy banquet crown:
To every faithful soul appear,
And show Thy real presence here!

† SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE 13

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 elements will be received by intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice). After receiving the sacrament, you may choose to kneel in prayer before returning to your pew or you may return immediately by the side aisle.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Like As a Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks” Howell

The text of the anthem is adapted from Psalm 42. 1-3.

Like as a hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, where is now thy God?

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN NO. 121

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” WELLESLEY

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“May the Peace of God”

K. Lee Scott

† SILENT PRAYER

† CHIMING THE TRINITY

† VOLUNTARY

“Choral Prelude on Cwm Rhondda”

Paul Manz

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Our service of worship has ended.

Our worship through service now begins.

As we leave this Sanctuary, let us greet one another in Christ’s name.

† Congregation may stand



Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system. Switch hearing aid to T-coil to receive sound through your hearing aid. Personal receivers are also available for others desiring enhanced listening. Please ask an usher.

The hymn, “Victim Divine,” was taken from the United Methodist publication, **The Faith We Sing.**

PARISH NOTES

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Ruth and Carroll Thomas and family in loving memory of their son, Joe Carroll Thomas, Jr. and their grandson, Thomas Edward Brown.

The candle on the retable celebrates the birth of Grace Neely Withrow, daughter of Carrie and Tommy Withrow, born February 26, 2010.

This afternoon, the **Sunday Evening Chapel Service** will begin with a Potato Bar supper at 5:15 and a service at 6:00 in the Chapel. The theme for the evening will be Ecology, and our speaker will be our own Nancy Pugh. Don’t miss this unique evening of fellowship, information and worship!

Providence on Wednesday This week’s dinner menu includes baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash casserole, green beans, and caramel cake. Reservations may be made by calling the POW reservation line, 704-714-9380, by Monday at 10:00 am. Join us as we hear Dr. Peter Gorman, Superintendent of CMS and Eric Davis, Chairman of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education, respond to the question “*What would CMS look like if the faith community pulled its support from public schools?*”.

SERVING THIS MORNING

- Crucifer** David Gordon
- Acolytes** Mallie Clay, Colleen Sanderson
- Preacher** Ken Carter
- Celebrant** Bill Jeffries
- Liturgists** Tara Bain, Teresa Dunn
- Communion Servers** John Arey, Marcia Conston, Chris Lowe, Leslie Marsicano
- Visitation** Donna & Mike Bishop, Dana & Bob Sutton
- Sound System** Doug Matre
- Sanctuary Stewards** Judy & Paul Williams
- Ushers** Group Chairmen: Dennis Guthrie, Warren Leonard; Bob Branan, Andy Culler, Jack Featherston, John Fletcher, Bill Gower, Diane Gower, Dennis Guthrie, Joe Jones, Danny Kirkland, Bill McCabe, David Parr, Fred Smith, Steve Wilhoit

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

For a more comprehensive calendar, go to www.providenceumc.org.

Sunday, March 7, 2010

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Lenten Study-*Charter Annex*
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:30 pm Youth Choir
- 5:15 pm Evening Chapel Potato Bar
- 5:30 pm UMYF
- 6:00 pm Evening Chapel Service
- 6:20 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

Monday, March 8, 2010

- 7:00 am Men’s Bible Study
- 11:00 am Career Transition
- 5:00 pm Room in the Inn-St. John’s

- 7:30 pm East Carolina University Chamber Singers & Charlotte Children’s Choir Concert

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

- 5:00 pm Room in the Inn
- 7:00 pm Interfaith Bible Study @ PUMC

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

- 5:00 pm Room in the Inn

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- 5:00 pm Cherub A
- 5:30 pm Cherub B
- 5:30 pm POW
- 6:00 pm Children’s Choirs
- 6:15 pm Holy Communion-*Chapel*
- 6:30 pm POW Program

Thursday, March 11, 2010

- 7:00 pm Divorce Care
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, March 12, 2010

- 4:00 pm Children’s Choir Retreat
- 6:00 pm Mid-High Retreat

Saturday, March 13, 2010

- 7:30 pm Children’s Choir Return

Sunday, March 14, 2010

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Lenten Study-*Charter Annex*
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Mid-High Return
- 4:30 pm Youth Choir
- 5:30 pm UMYF

Holy Communion

Wednesdays, 6:15 pm, Chapel
All are welcome!

OUR VISION

A Growing Body of Christ Glorifying God and Serving Others

OUR MINISTERS

All of the People of Providence United Methodist Church

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COMMUNION



“Pour out your holy spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.”

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