

# MORNING WORSHIP

March 23, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Third Sunday in Lent

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*My Song is Love Unknown*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT

*"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 5

Leader: Sleeper, awake!

**People: Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.**

Leader: For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord.

**People: So, we live as people of light!**

Leader: Be filled with the Spirit,

**People: We come to sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.**

Leader: Sing and make melody to the Lord in your hearts.

**People: Let us give thanks to God at all times.**

**All: We come to give thanks for everything in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

+\*HYMN 664

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Gracious God, we are called to light, but dwell in dark places. We crave authenticity, but keep secrets.**

**We are called to compassion, but dole out shame. We flaunt virtue, but throw shade. We see ourselves as blameless, but judge others. We do not stand firmly with those who are vulnerable, but step back**

**protecting ourselves. We do not see those who are forced to live in the shadows, and we are blind to our**

**own privilege. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into Your light that we may see ourselves rightly and live more fruitful lives. Wake us from the deadness of sin and shine upon us with Your grace.**

**We pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*HYMN 649 (verses 1, 3, and 5) "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Baptism, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR GREY DAVID BARBEE

Bobby Yurkutat, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

The Apostles' Creed

**Leader:** Grey David Barbee is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Grey to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Brad and Becky as they nurture Grey and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

**People:** **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Grey into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

\*HYMN 188

"Jesus Loves Me!"

JESUS LOVES ME

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ezekiel 37 (selected verses), pew Bible pg. 791  
Matthew 27:3-5a, pew Bible pg. 907

SERMON

"The Promise of Salvation: But what about Judas?"

Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"A Shadow Fell on Sharon's Rose"

Joseph M. Martin

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**The day has dawned with the gift of sunlight. Stay with us, we pray, shepherding us through the days to come. Lead us into pleasant places and give us the courage and provisions we will need to shine Your light on the shadows of injustice, hate, and greed. As our cup overflows, help us to recognize it is filled with Your goodness and mercy. It is meant to be shared, so we dedicate our time, talent and treasure to Your Glory. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

*"Jesus, the Light of the World"*

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

\*POSTLUDE

*Postlude on The Lamb*

arr. Neil Harmon

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

## SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

**WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE** Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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