

Third



SUNDAY

IN LENT

St. Mark Presbyterian Church
March 7, 2010

Mission Statement:

To glorify God, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, provide opportunities for all people to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

Service for the Worship of God

☞Drawing Near to God☞

A Prayer to Pray in Preparation for Worship

O Lord, Giver of Bread: many times we have tasted your kindness and found you to be good to your children. When, like the prodigal, we were brought to our senses by hunger and need, you awaited our return with feasting and joy. You, O God, are the nourishing presence giving refuge to all who seek your love. For mercy poured out like manna we praise you O Lord, Giver of Bread. AMEN

Prelude *The Spotless Lamb* Boyles

Introit *Jesus, Remember Me* Berthier

& Processional

Note: Today is the 3rd Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of forty weekdays plus six Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating in Holy Week. During this season, the church, in joy and sorrow, proclaims, remembers and responds to the atoning death of Christ. The liturgical color during Lent is purple. Each Sunday during Lent the processional will include the Holy Scriptures, reminding us we “do not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4) Water for the Font, reminding us “we have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4) and the Light reminds us of Jesus’ words to his followers: “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you.” (John 12:35)

*Call to Worship

One: Brothers and sisters, we welcome those who have journeyed back to you from the far country, from the exile of self-contempt.

All: For God longs to welcome and love us.

One: Let us run with God, who runs to welcome all home from the sad detours of our journey.

All: We who have been lost in the far country, and we have been lost at home, are found in the embrace of God’s arms.

One: Let us worship God who awaits our return with lavish love and invites us to join the celebration. Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord’s name be praised!

***Hymn #181** *Come Sing to God* Herzogl

☞Getting Right with God☞

Prayer of Confession

O God, we do not have much to confess today. For we are not so much prodigal sons and daughters who have squandered a fortune; no, we are elder sons and daughters: dutiful, faithful, true. Yet, Lord, we are perplexed by the extravagance of your mercy, surpassing every human standard of fairness. We are resentful and angered by your goodness to those who always need to be bailed out of trouble. We confess not deeds of mischief, but the dangerous feelings of resentment, jealousy, and the refusal to forgive and feel joy. God, forgive our invisible caustic sins. Free us to love generously, with calculation.

**(Please stand if able)*

Moment for Personal Confession

The Promise of Forgiveness

One: Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one.

All: He has broken down the dividing walls of hostility by his death, and he has built us up into one body, with God.

One: To whoever repents and believes he has promised reconciliation. So live as a people reconciled. In Jesus Christ, you are reconciled to God and with one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Act of Praise** *The Gloria Patri* Hymn 579

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.

*The Peace of Christ

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(You may greet one another, by words or a touch, with signs of peace and reconciliation)

Welcome & Announcements

∞The Word∞

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God: you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our daily need. Through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

The Psalter Psalm 69:1-8 Pg 530

Choral Prayer *Speak, O Lord* Getty/Townend

The Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Pg 78

Sermon *The Lost Elder Son* David M. Evans

∞Responding to the Word of God∞

***Creed** **A Brief Statement of Faith** 1-6, 27-51

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Offertory *Meditation for Communion* Althouse

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life are spoken and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be the feast to us the token, that by Thy grace our souls are fed.

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed.
Amen, amen.

***The Table**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 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 #280** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* Virginia Harmony

***Charge & Benediction**

Response *Peace to You* Blankenship

***Postlude** *Glory Be to God on High* arr. Paxton
*We encourage all who would like to know Jesus Christ personally to speak
with one of our ministers or one of the prayer leaders after the service.
Our service of worship has ended;our worship through service now begins!*

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Jack Williams, John & Betty Bauer

LITURGIST

Bill Franklin

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Bill & Sonya Franklin
to the Glory of God.



MARCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun Mar 7	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:20 am	Children's Choir (<i>Choir Room</i>)
	10:00 am	St. Mark 101 (<i>Parlor</i>)
	10:10 am	Women's Sunday School (<i>FLC #109</i>)
	10:10 am	MP3 Class (<i>FLC #106</i>)
	10:10 am	The Present Word Class (<i>FLC #104</i>)
	10:10 am	Explorers Class: (<i>FLC #107/108</i>)
	10:10 am	SundaysCool-Preschool (<i>Ch Min Bldg</i>)
	10:10 am	SundaysCool-K - 4 th Grade (<i>Port 1 Rm#6</i>)
	10:10 am	SundaysCool-5 th & 6 th Grade (<i>Port 2 Rm#8</i>)
	10:10 am	SundaysCool-MS Youth (<i>FLC #103</i>)
10:10 am	SundaysCool-HS Youth (<i>FLC #102</i>)	
Mon Mar 8	11:10 am	Traditional Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Disciple Study (<i>Narthex</i>)
	5:00 pm	Open Gym Night (<i>FLC</i>)
	6:30 pm	FUEL Youth Night (<i>FLC #102</i>)
	7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group (<i>Narthex</i>)
Tue Mar 9	7:00 pm	Finance Meeting (<i>FLC #107</i>)
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting (<i>FLC #108</i>)
	9:00 pm	FUEL HS Bible Study (<i>FLC #103</i>)
	10:00 am	Women's Group (<i>Parlor</i>)
Wed Mar 10	6:00 pm	Growth Task Force (<i>FLC #109</i>)
	6:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Mtg (<i>FLC #107</i>)
Thu Mar 11	6:00 pm	G.E.M. (Greet, Eat, & Meet) Night (<i>FLC</i>)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room</i>)
	9:00 am	St. Mark Pray-ers (<i>Parlor</i>)
	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study (<i>FLC#107</i>)
	10:00 am	Renovare:Prayer&Worship(<i>FLC#109</i>)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A called meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, March 28th at 10:45 am. The RNC (Representative Nominating Committee) will present nominees for the office of elder and deacon and the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee).

WALK TO EMMAUS

The next Women's Walk will be held April 8-11, 2010 at the Omega Retreat Center in Boerne. Please consider praying about attending this once in a lifetime spiritual retreat. Call Jennifer Agarwal with questions or for more details: (830) -229-5709.

40 DAYS OF DEVOTIONS

Today's world can be overwhelming and challenging. As a result, our inner world becomes frantic, confused and empty. Set aside 40 days from our modern world and journey towards Spiritual reflection with the Lent devotion, "Where in the world is God?" These can be found in baskets by the entrance to the Sanctuary.



2010 CENSUS

As the 2010 Census approaches, each of our households will receive a form. Since the census has such an impact on the communities in which all of us live and work, our church has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage participation. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, every person living in the United States must be counted – both citizens and noncitizens. Data from this national count help determine key funding and government representation decisions. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit 2010census.gov.

THE SESSION

Adult C.E./Deacon Liaison.....	Larry Warren
Children’s Christian Education.....	Marilyn Bonaguro
Communications.....	Martha Malson
Finance/Stewardship.....	Mike Penrod
Congregational Life.....	Nash Hardeman
Evangelism.....	John Stassi
Missions.....	Duane Manning
Personnel.....	Susan Bolton
Property.....	Rob West
Worship.....	Becky Graham
Youth Christian Education.....	Elizabeth Whitehead
Youth.....	Brad Hillin
Treasurer.....	<i>Bernie Malson</i>
Clerk of Session.....	<i>Jackie Manning</i>

THE DEACONS

Deacon Moderator.....	Joan Godsey
Cards & Older Adult Communion.....	Diane Rhodes
Fellowship.....	EJ Warren & Molly Frazier
Fellowship.....	Jauhnea Barkley & Millie Norwich
Helping Hands.....	Mary Griffes
Hospital & Older Adult Visitation.....	Charles Scott & Ninon Truax
Prayer Chain.....	Joan Godsey
Spheres of Care.....	Jauhnea Barkley



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Thursday,
Closed 12:00 - 1:00 pm Monday - Thursday for Lunch
8:00 am - 12:00 pm Friday

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THE CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. David M. Evans; Youth Director, Ryan Nielsen;
Early Learning Center Director, Cheryl Hamner;
Traditional Worship Leader, Phil Lambert;
Contemporary Worship Team Leader, Derek Baker;
Organist, Janelle Lambert; Office Administrator, Robyn Smith;
Financial Secretary, Jessika Goad; Sexton, Wendyl Leslie

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