



"Immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'" – Mark 6:50

Service for the Lord's Day

February 25, 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Called by God, We Gather

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

J.S. BACH

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION [11:00]:

Stephanie Bowen – Executive Director, Brunswick Family Assistance

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[Please take a brief moment to greet those around you.]

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 22:23-31)*

You who fear the LORD, praise him!

Glorify God and stand in awe, you offspring of Israel!

The LORD did not hide his face from me, but heard me when I cried.

Therefore, I will pay my vows before those who fear him.

The ends of the earth shall turn to the LORD;

and the families of all nations shall worship him.

Dominion belongs to the LORD, for God rules over the nations.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Messiah and Lord, you command disciples to pick up their cross and follow you, but we confess how we hesitate. We are weighed down by material possessions and held back by a lack of trust. We refuse to give control of our lives to you, for fear of where it may lead. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to cast aside the burdens of mortal life to fulfill our obligation to you. Give us the strength and courage to bear the cross of a true faith, so that we may follow you wherever you go.

SILENT PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

**To Hear God's Word of Grace**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 4:13-25

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

MUSIC

"O Blessed Cross of Calvary"

Lloyd Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:27-38

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Talk Is Cheap”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

To Respond in Faith and Gratitude

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *adapted from the Larger Catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith, 1647 – Question 67*

Q. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God’s almighty power and grace, where, out of his free and special love for God’s people, God does, at the accepted time, invite and draw God’s people to Jesus Christ, by Word and Spirit, saving them by enlightening their minds, renewing their souls, and powerfully determining their wills, so as they, even though they are dead in sin by themselves, are thereby made willing, able, and free to answer their Lord’s call, and to accept and embrace the grace offered and conveyed to them. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #634: To God Be the Glory (Refrain only)*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.

O Come, to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #320

“The Church of Every Age”

WAREHAM

Then Depart Blessed to Serve

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING [11:00]: Election of New Church Officers

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE [11:00]**

POSTLUDE

The beautiful flowers are to the Glory of God and in loving honor of Paul & Debra Freeman, the SPC Choir and SPC Handbells given by John & Mindy Cardwell.

Acolyte: Steven Vattimo

Greeters 11:00 Mabel Winslow and Susan Lehmann

Ushers: 8:30 Dick Wilson; 11:00 Rich Winslow and Eric Lehmann

If you would like more information about Shallotte Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA), or how to become a member of our congregation, please don't hesitate to call or email the church office. Our contact information may be found below. We would be delighted to share with you how you can help support the ministry and mission of this church!

- **Souper Bowl Donations \$991.00**
- **February 28th, 12:00pm Lenten Lunch, Seaside United Methodist Church**
- **March 3, Challenge/Women's Sunday WEAR PINK**
- **March OCC Collection: Soccer balls w/pumps, s toy cars and small stuffed animals**

A brief Congregational Meeting will follow the service today, for the purposes of electing new Deacons to complete the terms of those who were unable to complete their terms due to personal reasons.



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Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

