

Shallotte Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025



*Celebrating
the Gifts
of Women*

Service for the Lord's Day – Celebrating the Gifts of Women

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Luke 9:23

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

PRELUDE "Prelude on Forty Days and Forty Nights" C.S. Lang

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

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

And also with you.

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT "Morning Has Broken" Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
SPC Ladies Hand Bell Choir

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER (*adapted from Psalm 27:4*)

The psalmist sings, One thing I asked of the Lord that I will seek after:

**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.**

Sisters and brothers, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.

*HYMN #49 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is our Light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

With humble hearts, Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our cravings for the public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

SILENT PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #575 “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

SPC Ladies Ensemble

For the beauty of the earth, for the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies, over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise

For the joy of human love, bother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above,

For all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,

Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13:31-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Plan A”

Myra Chapman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

What do we believe?

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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

****Response: #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v. 1)**

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm, my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled,
to God all praise and glory!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #51**

"I Will Be Your God"

LLANFYLLIN

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

The flowers are in honor of SPC gifts of women and the Celebration Circle.

Ushers: Patsy Calhoun & Elizabeth Lewis

Greeters: Barbara Martin & Donna Trest

Welcome Table: Janet Norwood

Liturgists: Sarah Henry & Carol Kauffman

Acolyte: Mary Grace Carter

Thank you to our Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team for their
leadership in the service today.

Debbie Wingfield for the beautiful cover design.

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Shallotte Presbyterian Church

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Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

