

# The Order of Worship

March 8, 2009  
2nd Sunday of Lent

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Minister: Rev. James Adams	Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink
Lay Leader: Dr. Gary Brown	Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd
Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood	Secretary: Vickie Ellis

**Bold Print** indicates a congregational response      \* Indicates to stand, if able

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## Gathering Before God

Prelude Debbie Mink

\*Welcome and Call to Worship  
Welcome this day to the second step on our Lenten Journey.  
**We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.**  
Today's journey will demand much of us.  
**Lord, make us ready to offer ourselves to you.**  
Come, let us begin again the wondrous excursion.  
**Let us place our lives in God's abiding love. AMEN.**

\* Hymn *O Worship the King* No. 73 (1,2,3)

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song of Praise *O Worship the King (vs. 5)*

\* A Time of Personal Greetings

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Message Debbie Walker  
*(Children will be dismissed for Children's Church at this time)*

Chorus of Preparation *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet (Chorus twice)*

Scripture Lesson Romans 4:13-25 Tom Smith

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:27-9:1

*(after the Scripture is read, the following response)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *Once Upon a Tree* Chancel Choir

Today's Message "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" Rev. Adams

## Responding to God

\* Hymn of Response *Where He Leads Me* No. 338

\* An Affirmation of Faith No. 887

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

**Guiding Lord, today we face the challenge which true commitment brings. Are we willing to offer our whole selves to you in service? We would like to think that we can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires.**

**Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the Cross. AMEN.**

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer – Lord's Prayer

*At the beginning of the prayer time, as the accompanist plays, you are invited to come to the altar and pray—alone or with the pastor. If you would like for the pastor to pray with you, simply turn your palms up.*

Offertory Debbie Mink

\* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

## Serving God in the World

\* Benediction and Sending Forth

\* Final Song *God Be With You Until We Meet Again* No. 672

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

**Today:**

10:55 Morning Worship

12:00 (after worship) UMW luncheon/dessert/auction

5:00 Hand-Bells

6:00 Chasing Daylight Class

**Monday, March 9**

6:00 Financial Peace University

**Wednesday, March 11**

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Choir

**Thursday, March 12**

10:00 Sewing Circle

***Nursery Volunteer for Today, March 8 – Amy Burchett***

***Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, March 15 – Julie Paxton***

***Children’s Church for Today, March 8 – Kristin Garrett***

***Children’s Church for Sunday, March 15 – Brad & Jenny Burchett***

***Acolytes for Today, March 8 – Owen Greene, Andrew Burchett***

***Acolytes for Sunday, March 15 – Lilly Smith, Nicholas Garrett***

***Ushers for March – Eddy Clark, Charlie Miller, Josh Turner, Neil Turner***

***Greeters for Today, Mar. 8 – Helen Neeley, Becky Derossett***

***Greeters for Sunday, Mar. 15– The Garrett Family***

***Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Mar. 1 Morning Worship-115, Sunday***

***School-37 General Fund-\$4507.95, Building -FLC-\$135.00, Total Givings - \$6653.95;***

***Needed weekly- \$5260. Year to Date: Givings-\$46,962.71; Budget- \$50,481.99.***

***Don’t forget, after worship today, the UMW will be having their luncheon/dessert auction.***

***Also, they are collecting underpants for Elementary boys & girls, ages 5-11 and Middle***

***School & High School girls, size 4-7. Look for the “Drop you Drawers” boxes.***

***The Planning/Leadership Retreat that was scheduled for March 13-14 has been postponed until a later date.***