

# The Order of Worship

March 22, 2009  
4th Sunday of Lent

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

## Gathering Before God

Prelude Debbie Mink

\*Welcome and Call to Worship

We gather to share in our love of God.

**Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.**

We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

**Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.**

We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

**Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises. AMEN.**

\* Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord is King* No. 715

\* Opening Prayer

\* Chorus of Praise *How Great Thou Art* (chorus)

\* 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 Ephesians 2:1-10 Dawn Brown

Gospel Lesson John 3:14-21

*(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 *Come to the Cross* Chancel Choir

Today's Message "Be Who God Says You Are" Rev. Adams

## Responding to God

\* Hymn of Response *Standing on the Promises* No. 374 (vss. 1, 2, 4)

\* An Affirmation of Faith No. 887

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and patience, remind us again that our lives are meant to be gifts to others, for healing, hope, comfort, peace and love.**

**Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details of living that we neglect to help others. Heal and forgive us. Give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing; for it is in Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. 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 *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing* No. 671

Tune: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

**Today:**

10:55 Morning Worship

6:00 Youth, Chasing Daylight Class

**Monday, March 16**

6:00 Financial Peace University

**Wednesday, March 25**

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Choir

**Thursday, March 26**

10:00 Sewing Circle

**Friday, March 27**

5:30 A.L.P.S.

**Saturday, March 28**

8:00 A.L.P.S.

**Nursery Volunteer for Today, March 22** – Pam Herrick

**Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, March 29** – Barbara Burchett

**Children's Church for Today, March 22** – Erin Burchett

**Children's Church for Sunday, March 29** – Amy Burchett

**Acolytes for Today, March 22** – Tate Greene, Beth Burchett

**Acolytes for Sunday, March 29** – Andrew Burchett, Owen Greene

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

**Greeters for Today, Mar. 22** – The Turner Family

**Greeters for Sunday, Mar. 29**– The Hamilton Family

**Record of our Faithfulness: Sun., Mar. 15** Morning Worship-134, Sunday School-47

General Fund-\$2595.00, Building -FLC-\$395.00, Total Givings - \$4147.00; Needed weekly-\$5260. Year to Date: Givings-\$56,081.11; Budget- \$61,492.00.

*The flowers this morning are in honor of Hannah Walker on her 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 27<sup>th</sup> by her family. Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Hannah!*

**Today is the deadline to place your order for Easter Flowers.** Order forms are on the tables in the vestibules.

**Attention Moms!** Do you worry about your children? Come experience how you can replace your anxiety and fear with peace and hope by praying with other moms. Moms In Touch International gathers moms together to pray specifically and scripturally for our children and school. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation? Please contact Amy Burchett, 886-3325 or [amyburchett@gmail.com](mailto:amyburchett@gmail.com), for more information about our local group. For more information about Moms In Touch International, visit [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org).