

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

The time to begin preparing for worship is no later than the sounding of the chimes.

Please silence all cell phones and other communication devices.

*The congregation is invited to stand.

♣ Seating of those arriving after worship has begun

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING

PRELUDE *Movement No. 3 from "Suite Gothique"* L. Boëllmann

♣ *CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 19:1, 3-4**

One: "The heavens are telling the glory of God;

All: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

One: There is no voice, there are no words,

All: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth—

Words of great praise to the end of the world!"

Let us worship God together!

♣ *HYMN OF PRAISE 466 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous One, how we need to know your forgiveness!
Our lives fall short of your will for us. We transgress your
holy law, or fulfill its letter but violate its spirit of divine love.
Our sin skews our living out of kilter, distorting our values,
perverting our justice, and deceiving us with lies dressed up as
truth. We need your mercy and your power, O God! For it
is in the name of Jesus, we pray...**

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

♣ *GLORY BE TO GOD HAMBURG

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS Rev. Ray Smithee
(After which preschool children may be taken to Children's Church in the Education Building.)

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

WELCOME TO THIS HOUR OF WORSHIP

We hope that you will be made to feel welcome here and that you will find this service helpful to you in your Christian life. If you are a visitor, please know that we are glad for your presence here. Please help us to know you better by filling out the Friendship Register and then pass it to the person seated next to you. Take note with whom you are worshipping and greet them warmly! Welcome one another to the Lord's House!

Should you be interested in joining this congregation, please check the appropriate box on the Friendship Register and we will be in touch with you, or you may call the church office at 453-4680. The Session meets periodically at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday to receive new members.

Internet Broadcast Ministry: The worship service is available online. If listening on a desktop computer go to fpcgwdup.christianworldmedia.com. For those listening on smart phones or tablets go to. Worship bulletins are available to computer users cmobi.us/fpcgwdup under the "documents" tab on the website.

CD/Cassette Tape Ministry: Please fill out the blue card and place in the offering plate. Orders will be placed in the narthex when ready.

Hospital Visitation: Please call the church office to let us know whether you are in the hospital or know of any church member in the hospital, since the hospital here no longer lists names of hospitalized persons on a public register.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Preacher..... Rev. Steve Fortenberry
Director of Music and Organist..... Rev. Ray Smithee
Children's Sermon Rev. Ray Smithee
Prayer of Dedication Deacon Taylor Calhoun
Ushers..... Palmer Brock (head)
Allison Calhoun, Allyn Camp, Howard Davis, Jr.,
Tom Gary, Jr., Laura Oakes

Children's Church Meagan and Chris Cascio
Nursery Infants – 2 yr. olds
Hospital Visitation (March) Elder Dale Pillow

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8, 2015

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Choristers
NO PYF

Monday, March 9, 2015

9:35 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Morning Circle
5:15 pm Christian Ed Committee
5:15 pm Worship & Music Comm.
6:00 pm Night Circle

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

NO Chapel
5:30 pm Building & Grounds Comm.

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

10:00 am Liturgy
12:00 pm Lenten Lunch
New Green Grove Church
of Faith, 4053 Browning
Road Extension
NO Youth Bible Study
5:30 pm Chancel Choir
NO Bethel Class

Thursday, March 12, 2015

5:30 pm Administrative Comm.

Friday, March 13, 2015

6:30 pm Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Ministry: The Session has ceased the radio broadcast of our 11:00 a.m. worship service on WGNG, 106.3 FM. The worship service is now available online. If listening on a desktop computer go to fpcgwdup.christianworldmedia.com. For those listening on smart phones or tablets go to cmobi.us/fpcgwdup. The Session will make available an audio CD of each service which can be mailed to you on Monday along with a bulletin. If you do not have a CD player on which to play the service, the Session will provide a player for you. Simply call the Church Office (453-4680) and indicate that you wish to receive the CD each week and one will be sent to you. You may also request a CD player at that time. If you have any questions contact Ray Smithee.

Dr. Douglas is away using some of his continuing education days.

NO PYF this evening due to Spring Break.

PW Circle Meetings for Monday, March 9:

Morning Circle, 10:00 a.m. at Indywood Glen.

Noon Circle, 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

Night Circle, 6:30 p.m.

Christian Education Committee meets Monday, March 9, at 5:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

Worship and Music Committee meets Monday, March 9, at 5:15 p.m. in the Session Room.

Building and Grounds Committee meets Tuesday, March 10, at 5:30 pm.

Lenten Lunch, Wednesday, March 11 at 12:00 p.m. Rev. Steve Fortenberry will be preaching. New Green Grove Church of Faith located at 4053 Browning Road Extension is the host church. Bring your own lunch, beverages and desserts will be provided.

No Youth Bible Study on Wednesday, March 11, due to Spring Break.

No Bethel on Wednesday, March 11.

Administrative Committee meets Thursday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, Friday, March 13, at 6:45 a.m. in Shuler Hall. Lynn Riales will be teaching.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered next Sunday, March 15, as part of worship. You are encouraged to prepare yourself through prayer, confession, repentance, and meditation.

Congregational Meeting: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting next Sunday, March 22, during worship for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee for new church officers. Nominees to be presented for Elder are: David Camp, Kathryn Pittman, John Stewart III, Beth Tackett, Lane Thompson, and Chris Walker. Nominees to be presented for Deacon are: Kay Hull, Wade Litton, and Toni Powers. As a member of the congregation, you may nominate other persons from the floor, at the appropriate time, provided you have made sure your nominee is willing to serve if elected.

Blood Drive! The Deacons are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, March 22, from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Shuler Hall. You may sign up before or after worship, or through Susan Gregory at 299-2625 or skpgregory55@hotmail.com, or by calling the Church Office at 453-4680.

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. J. Rutter

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always; be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **John 2:13-22**

SERMON Rev. Steve Fortenberry
"Controlling the Narrative"

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 379 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From A Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Andante in D* E. Satie/arr. Wolff

*Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer Deacon Taylor Calhoun

*HYMN 145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Toccatina on AZMON* arr. Fedak

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Greenwood, Mississippi

Established 1846



March 8, 2015

3rd Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.



Large Print Hymnals and Bibles, and Hearing Devices are available in the back of the sanctuary. At the end of the service, please return these to the back table.