

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Services of Worship for the Lord's Day
10:00 a.m. — Unified Worship



**THIRD
SUNDAY IN LENT**

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us... For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

Romans 8: 18, 24-25

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C Major ("Little")*
J.S. Bach

THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Gavin Meek

Please sign and pass the friendship pads, noting those worshipping with you so that you may greet them after the service. Guests are invited to fill out a Guest Card and place it in the offering plate during our time of Self-Offering.

BEING CALLED TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP sung by the congregation
to the tune *Hamburg* (Hymn 101)

**Kind Maker of the world, O hear
The fervent prayer, with many a tear
Poured forth by all the penitent
Who keep this holy fast of Lent!**

OPENING PRAYER Kim Wells

*OPENING SONGS

I Cannot Hide My Love

**Holy Spirit, I need Your touch more than ever before.
Oh, Jesus I need Your love and I'm desperate for more.**

**When I feel . . . Your presence . . . all around me
When I feel . . . Your arms as they surround me**

**I cannot hide my love, I cannot hide my love,
my feet will have to dance.**

**I cannot hide my love, I cannot hide my love,
my heart will have to sing.**

**I am so in love with . . . I am so in love with . . .
I am so in love with You my Lord my God.**

Blessed Be Your Name

**Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow . . .**

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed Be Your name

**when I'm found in the desert place
though I walk through the wilderness . . .
blessed be Your name.**

**Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name.**

**Blessed be Your name,
when the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's all as it should be. . .
Blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name,
on the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering . . .
Blessed be Your name.**

**You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord,
blessed be Your name.**

EXAMINING OUR HEARTS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 171, v. 3

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN Virginia Whorley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Natalie May

Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible pg. 955

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Pew Bible pg. 959

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

"Whatever Is Best"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory

Surrender

**I'm giving you my heart, and all that is within,
I lay it all down, for the sake of you my king.
I'm giving you my dreams; I'm laying down my rights,
I'm giving up my pride, for the promise of new life.**

And I . . . surrender all to You . . . all to You.

**I'm singing you this song; I'm waiting at the cross
and all this world holds dear, I count it all as loss.**

**For the sake of knowing you,
for the glory of your name**

to know the lasting joy, even sharing in your pain.

*The Doxology

Hymn 592

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 16

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*CLOSING SONG *Let Everything That Has Breath*

**Let everything that, everything that,
everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Let everything that, everything that,
everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

**Praise You in the morning . . .
praise You in the evening.**

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Bold lettering signifies congregational participation.

**Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old.
Praise You when I'm laughing . . .
praise You when I'm grieving.
Praise You every season of the soul.**

**If we could see how much You're worth,
Your power, Your might, Your endless love
Then surely we would never cease to praise. . .**

**Praise You in the heavens . . . joining with the angels,
praising You forever and a day.
Praise on the earth now . . . joining with creation
calling all the nations to Your praise.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE to the tune *Hamburg*
Hymn 101

**Grant, O Thou blessed Trinity,
Grant, O unchanging Unity,
That this our fast of forty days
May work our profit and Thy praise!**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in Seven* Rutter

During the postlude, children of the adults who are participating in the AI Event are invited to come forward to be taken downstairs by Colleen for their luncheon activities.

END OF WORSHIP.....BEGINNING OF SERVICE

WORSHIP

We Welcome in Worship This Morning —

* The Bridge Ministry Music Team

Guitar and Lead Vocalist: Jeremy Steck
Drummer: Mark Carter
Keyboard: Antoine Parker
Bass: Richard Shaw
Vocalists: Rev. William Washington and Fredrick Ward

While serving a long-term sentence in the Orange County Regional Jail, Bridge Ministry founder, William Washington, was apprehended by the love of God and found the grace and strength to begin a new life. The former drug addict and dealer began reaching out to those in jail through a community prayer meeting. Later, he and his wife, Joyce, opened their home to families in their neighbourhood, and to troubled men who needed help overcoming addiction. Since 1996, The Bridge Ministry has been providing a second chance for men who are committed to breaking free from life-controlling issues. Nearly nine out of ten men who complete at least twelve months of The Bridge Ministry program go on to live successful and productive lives. Go to www.bridgeministry.net to learn more about The Bridge Ministry.

* Natalie May, Ph.D., who will be the facilitator for our Appreciative Inquiry process. Natalie has played a role in the University of Virginia Appreciative Inquiry Project since its inception in 2007. She is now a faculty member in the Center for Appreciative Practice that was established to promote appreciative practice in health care. She and her colleagues support appreciative inquiry processes in the medical center, the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, and the Charlottesville community. Their book, *Appreciative*

Inquiry in Healthcare: Positive Questions to Bring Out the Best, will be published this fall. Natalie lives in Richmond with her husband, Jim, and 11-year old daughter, Maddie. They are active members of Bon Air United Methodist Church. She currently serves on the Stewardship Committee, as well as the Conference Board of Church and Society. Natalie views appreciative inquiry as an extension of her faith, a way to do good in the world by bringing people together in relationship.

Hearing devices and large print hymnals, Bibles, and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Welcome Guests! We invite you to participate in "Worship Plus Two": Please commit to nurturing your faith and serving God in addition to worshipping God. Our staff is available to help you find your place in education and ministry.

We Warmly Welcome Children in Worship. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Realm of Heaven belongs" (Matt.19:14).

- Children (and parents) are invited to come forward for the Conversation with Children, which is presented during our worship services.
- Worship bags for children 3 to 6 years old and clipboards with a bulletin designed for our young people ages 7 to 11 are available in baskets at the Sanctuary entrances. Please ask an usher if you have trouble finding these worship aids.
- Staffed nurseries are available during the 8:55, and 11:15 services, and during the 10:05 Sunday School hour that cater to infants and toddlers and are equipped with a parent paging system.
- The children's library is located in Room 109 and books are available for self-checkout. Children are encouraged to check out books to bring with them to the service. There is a box in back of the church for easy drop off, or they may be returned to the library.

Ways to Prepare Your Child for Worship. Most children can best be led to appreciate the privilege of worship if they are helped to do so by parents and teachers. Each week, we feature a different suggestion for helping your child to have meaningful experiences while at church.

Take your child to get a drink of water and to the restroom before going into the sanctuary — even if he doesn't think he "has to go." Let him know that he doesn't go in and out during a service. If he has just been in Sunday School, a walk around the church building would help stretch his legs before going into the worship service.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bud Maine, Elizabeth and Reuben Maine, and Louise Bishop by Nancy Maine.

The Rosebud on the Communion Table is a token of our appreciation to God for the February 20 birth of Adele Catherine Barshied, daughter of Claire and Ben Barshied, and granddaughter of Bill and Cathy Burgess.

Ushers:

10:00 — Joel Loving (*Head*), Bill Carswell, Ron Lear, Cary Moon, Kent Sides

Serving as Receptionist in the church office this morning is Sharon Nalle.

Signing the Attendance Pad: Each person is asked to sign his or her name as clearly as possible at all services attended. **This is the only reliable way we have to verify attendance.** It is also a hospitable and courteous way to let your pew mates know who you are and that you welcome knowing them.

The Five Cents a Meal Hunger Offering will be received next Sunday, March 14. The funds received from this offering support a variety of local hunger ministries, such as the Emergency Food Bank.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR MARCH 8 - MARCH 14	
Monday	Psalm 119:73-80, Genesis 44:18-34
Tuesday	Psalm 34, I Corinthians 7:32-40
Wednesday	Psalm 5, Mark 6:13-29
Thursday	Psalm 27, Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34
Friday	Psalm 22, I Corinthians 9:16-27
Saturday	Psalm 43, Mark 7:1-23
Sunday	Psalm 84, John 6:27-40

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Sunday, March 7**

- 10:00 a.m. Unified Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Instructions & Box Lunch, followed by Mission Study Appreciative Inquiry Event
- 5:00 p.m. Senior High Montreat Meeting

Monday, March 8

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Finance & Administration Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, March 9

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Bell Choir
- 1:00 p.m. Circle Six

Wednesday, March 10

- 3:00 p.m. Nominating Committee
- 5:45 p.m. Lenten Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Joyful Praise Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Praise Team
- 6:30 p.m. The Bible and Brahms' Requiem Class
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 11

- 9:30 a.m. Quilt Sowers
- 12:30 p.m. Women at the Well

Sunday, March 14

- 10:00 a.m. Unified Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting (fellowship time follows)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
The Rev. Gavin D. Meek	<i>Interim Pastor</i>
The Rev. Kimberleigh E. Wells	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
Doug Friesema	<i>Ministry Intern</i>
Colleen Plitt	<i>Interim Coordinator of Discipleship Ministry</i>
Kathy Freer	<i>Parish Nurse</i>
Elizabeth Norfrey	<i>Interim Choir Director</i>
Roger Authers	<i>Interim Organist</i>
Jeff Bailes	<i>Praise Team Director</i>
Will Cooke	<i>Assistant Music Director for Youth and Children</i>
David Norfrey	<i>Interim Handbell Choir Director</i>
Bonnie Reynolds	<i>Preschool Director</i>
Karen Chipman	<i>Asst. Preschool Director</i>
Judy Blair	<i>Business Manager</i>
Susan Lawson	<i>Office Administrator</i>
Rebecca Ewing	<i>Music & Administrative Asst.</i>
Michael Joyce	<i>Facilities Maintenance Mgr.</i>
Ronald Yates	<i>Facilities Worker</i>
Ryan Whitney	<i>AV Technician</i>
Lesley Forloines	<i>Nursery Coordinator</i>

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