ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Preparation for Worship

As you open your mind and your heart to God's presence in our midst, we invite you to prepare for today's service as you listen to the organ prelude, which marks the beginning of worship.

Prelude — Lord of All — McHugh
In Praise of God — Sike

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit — As the Deer — Nystrom

Call to Worship — Psalm 63:1-8 — Congregation (in **Bold**)

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

When I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Greetings & Announcements

Visitors: please fill out a visitor's card and place in the offering plate during the offering

Passing of the Peace

Hymn of Praise — Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing — # 356

Prayer for New Beginnings — Congregation

We continue to be tempted, Faithful God. We are blessed with gifts to use for others, but we want to keep them for ourselves. We easily notice the mistakes of those around us, but do not want to look in the mirror at our lives. Forgive us, Steadfast God. Fill the poverty of our spirits with the richness of your grace; feed our selfish hunger with the bread of compassion for the world; pour the living waters of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into our hearts until they overflow with love. © 2010 Thom M. Shuman

Assurance of New Beginnings

Sharing Faith with Children — (Children's Church, ages 3-9 may leave)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation — Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed — # 78

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading — Isaiah 55:1-9 — Congregation

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem — Come and Kneel at the Cross — Besig and Price

2nd Reading — Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Jeff Sockwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer — Congregation

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Gloria Patri — # 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

Offerings of the People

Offertory — O God, You Are My God — Howard

*Doxology with Alleluias

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

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Hymn	Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah	# 281, K 32
* Benediction		
* Sending Forth	Change My Heart, O God	STF 2152
Postlude	O Lord, You Are My God	Harris

SERVICE SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 7

Elder of the Week	Ray Brock
Ushers	Doug & Charlene Gover, Eric Cedars
Communion Servers	Charlotte McConnell, John Satterfield, Bob Griffin, Bill Haacker, Ellie Burns
Acolyte	Austin McConnell
Flowers	Janet & Jeff Sockwell

SERVICE SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 14

Elder of the Week	Ellie Burns
Ushers	Karen Fellowship, Martha Powell
Acolyte	Ella Rogers

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	9:00 am	Early Worship
	9:45 am	Educational Hour
	11:00 am	Worship
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Visitation
	7:00 pm	PW Circle
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lenten Prayer Service
	6:45 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Nifty Knitters

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Brian Miles, Al Sonye, Alton Cahoon, Sue Davenport, Rick Hamilton, John Foss, Agnes Brock, Jean Boyd, Helen Rackley, Evelyn Bell, Minnie Cates, Brenda Haacker, Alyce Willis and Buddy Willis.

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH: Jonny Greitzer (Noah's Ark Preschool student in the hospital in Chapel Hill), Greg Armstrong (Max Armstrong's son), Peggy Hedrick (Janet Sockwell's sister recovering from a broken hip), Daphine Davis (Gera's sister recovering from knee replacement surgery), Carmen Pack (friend of Joan Zimmer), Fred Zimmer (Bob Zimmer's brother), Geraldine Kirkpatrick (Sister-in-law of Betty Harrison) , Pat Whitehurst (friend of Ann Brinson), Grace McDougal (Mike Kelley's grandmother), Scott Davenport (son of Sue Davenport), Tom Ruddock (Minnie Cates's son-in-law), David Southcomb.

ASSISTED LIVING: Jo Cartner (Homeplace), Iona Strickland (Homeplace), Betty Harrison (Homeplace), Charlie Phelan (Bayview).

DEPLOYMENTS: Jay Smith, Chad Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Director Gera Howe would like to meet with all of the children directly after the 11:00 am service for approximately 10 minutes in order to rehearse for Palm Sunday's service. The children will present the Palms and sing with the Adult Choir for the Call to Worship.

The flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of Daniel's 25th birthday by Janet and Jeff Sockwell!

ESL classes will resume on March 22.

Please find in the sanctuary narthex:
- Your March **Newsletter**,
- Your Year-End Statements and Offering Envelopes,
- Sign-up to be a **Liturgist** for Worship,
- Sign-up to provide **Flowers** for Sunday worship.

The New Bern Chapter of the Order of St. Luke cordially invites you to attend their upcoming Healing Service on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 4:00 pm at Christ Episcopal Church. More information is posted on the office-area bulletin board.

The Pennies for Hunger Offering will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 4. Everyone is encouraged to place a container on your dinner table, and contribute two cents a meal per person. The offering was designed to raise our awareness of world hunger, and is used in feeding programs around the world. A portion of the offering stays with our presbytery for local feeding programs. Consider this offering as part of your Lenten journey to Easter.

Kristie Miles and Pastor Jeff will be leading short **Lenten services** on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM. Please join us for this time of discipleship and prayer.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Service for

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010 11:00 am

"The West New Bern Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) exists to invite people to enter a relationship with Jesus Christ, grow in their faith, and go out in the world to share that faith."