

Order of Worship

February 18, 2018 — First Sunday in Lent

*Please stand ... in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.

Bold words are spoken in unison
Bold Italics are words sung in unison

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days

Nixon

Jason Aquila, Organist

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT OF CHRIST, a symbol of Jesus' presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship you God our creator and to thank you for the gift of Jesus.

In this Lenten Season, help us to “go deeper” into our faith and what it means to be the church.

We trust your Spirit leads us in the right path.

Open our souls to the presence and power of the Sprit that we might be the church you intend us to be.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 311

Renew Your Church

*WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us pray together:

The Christian Church in our time is in crisis. We need your wisdom. Keep us from our temptation to ignore the issue. Help us to honestly assess the state of the Church. Grant us the grace and courage to see that we are both part of the

Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers

Konnie Wenneman
Paula Deal
Marilynn Wheeler (friend of Diane Schwing)
John Michelich
Pamela Bloomingdale (niece of Konnie Wenneman)
Bob Patzwahl
Carol Adams
Marge Hall
Paulette Taylor (friend of Jane Huml)
Nola Branch
Chuck Hughes
Karen Farmer
Chuck Zaugg
Jay Welch (friend of Carol Peddie)
Jim Gartner (son of Ruth Gartner)
Gail Rattray and son Brian (relatives of Sandy Evans)
Lyda Dacek (friend of Marcia Powles)
Andy Bischof
Nola Branch
Katie Gartner (granddaughter of Ruth Gartner)
Joyce Droescher
Jane Huml
Julie Simpson (daughter of Carole Adams)
Jeremy Steinbrick (grandson of Andy & Jan Bischof)
Annette Keen (friend of Karen Farmer)
Jon Fields (frind of Chuck & Carol Mealy)
Steve Kneale (son of Jane Huml)
Bonnie Everett (niece of Rich & Debbie Shank)
Megan Mealy
Bob Waidman (brother of Jeanne Long)
Duncan Simpson (grandson of Carole Adams)
Lydia Chan (friend of the Kvasnickas)

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THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, February 18

First Sunday in Lent

Monday, February 19

Yoga, 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, February 20

Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 21

Carillon Bell Choir, 7 p.m.

Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday in Lent
First Small Group Meeting on
Constitution and By Laws
Caregivers meet after church

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER The next Thursday Night Gathering will be March 1 at 5 p.m. at King Wah, 20668 Center Ridge. Sign up in the Gathering Room.

CLEAN-UP DAY The next Redeemer CLEAN-UP DAY will be March 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, with LUNCH served at noon. Please plan to be there to help give a spring cleaning to our church building!

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS SMALL GROUP MEETINGS will be held after worship Feb. 25 and March 4 in the Lounge. Review the documents and come to either meeting with your questions.

YOGA CLASS meets Mondays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY Jim Stone facilitates study on favorite Bible passages every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

CAREGIVERS Caregivers will meet after church Feb. 25.

LENTEN STUDY SERIES, Feb. 18-March 11. The Rev. Jim Cunningham will lead a study of Brian McClaren's *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian*. Information/participation options are available in the Gathering Room.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST The Sunday bulletin prayer list is cleaned out approximately every four weeks. If you wish to have someone remain on the current list, please notify Emma Kozar (440-899-6221) by Feb. 28 for the March bulletins.

problem and part of the solution. Help us to be students again eager to learn. Help us to ask the right questions. Help us to re-examine our history, our calling, our understanding of both God and Jesus, and our mission as followers of Jesus. Help us to re-think Church. Amen.

*WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three in One; as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Stepping Stones

Margaret Borrelli, Faith Formation Minister

(Following these moments, our children recess to their Sunday Morning Program. Our nursery is available for infants, and there is a lounge opposite the sanctuary where the service may be heard. You may wish to join in blessing the children as they go by singing:)

*Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
ev'-ry-where, ev'-ry-where you ... may ... go.*

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

Open Prayer

Choplin

Carol Peddie, Director

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-9 (Message); Matthew 23:25-28 (NRSV, p. 901)

Our God is still speaking:

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

What is and Why is a Spiritual Migration Called for Now?

The Rev. James Cunningham

Interim Pastor for Worship & Pastoral Care

WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

WE PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

Our Father (God), 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.

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Invitation and Offering

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. May the lives we live and the gifts we offer reflect the power and presence of the Spirit in our lives.

Offertory Music

Andante Espressivo
Goltermann
Jason Aquila, Organist

*WE SING OUR SONG OF PRAISE No. 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

*WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Let us pray together:

God, we humbly offer our lives and these gifts. Bless our offerings that we may be the Church, faithful, alive, relevant, creative, inclusive, welcoming, and a movement to make the world a better place for all of God's children. Amen.

*WE SING TOGETHER No. 391

In the Midst of New Dimensions

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Fugue in A Minor
Anonymous
Jason Aquila, Organist

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

ASSIGNMENTS THIS WEEK:

1. Ask someone you know who is no longer active in a church, why they left or what drove them away? What changes do they think needs to take place in the church? What would a faith community look like that might be attractive to them.
2. If you are reading "The Way of Life," I invite you to read Chapter 2 for next week. If you are reading "The Great Spiritual Migration," I invite you to read the three chapters under "Part I."

SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

Liturgist: Julie Barnes

Acolytes: Ben and Victoria Miller

Flowers: Today's altar flowers and bulletins are sponsored by Jane Huml, in memory of Louie and Adeline Huml on the occasion of their 83rd wedding anniversary.

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