

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
March 1, 2009

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Young

The Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

O God, we yearn to take refuge in you.

We open our minds for your word.

O God, we long to ease the troubles of our hearts.

We lift our hearts, ready and waiting.

O God, we seek to travel your journey of steadfast love.

We give our lives.

O God, we are eager to learn your path of faithfulness.

We dedicate ourselves again to your call.

O God, we listen for your word: "You are my beloved."

To you, we belong completely.

Let us worship God together.

* HYMN

"God of Our Life"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you are our help and our salvation, for you we should wait all day long. You call us to a time of examination and preparation, but we resist, full of our won agendas. You alone know how impatient we are – with others, with ourselves, with you. Have mercy on us, O God. Slow our pace. Lift our eyes to see the angels who wait to help us. We pray in the name of your Beloved Son.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

The Word

READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 9:8-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

By His Grace

Arr. Torrquist

READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 21:1-5

This is the Gospel of the Light of the World.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

"When God Wipes Away Our Tears"

Reverend Glendell Smith

*HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

In the Hour of Trial

Denton

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sending

*HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE

Grace, Love and Fellowship

Enclosed

*POSTLUDE

Rejoice, The Lord is King

* Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Reverend Glendell Smith is filling the pulpit today. Thank you for being with us.

Choir Practice will be held Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30pm.

Volunteer training for the American Cancer Society program "Road to Recovery" will be held in our church, Wednesday March 11, at 11:30 am. Anyone that would like to attend is welcome and lunch will be provided. For more information please contact Julia Kasch or the church office.

The Helping Hands contribution for the month of March is sugar or flour.

The cookie sign up sheet has been placed on the volunteer desk, please sign up.

The next open date on the flower chart is Sunday May 17th; please feel free to sign up.

Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary this morning by the Edgington's.

Larry and C.J. Nelson provided the cookies for the congregation this morning.

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor, Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

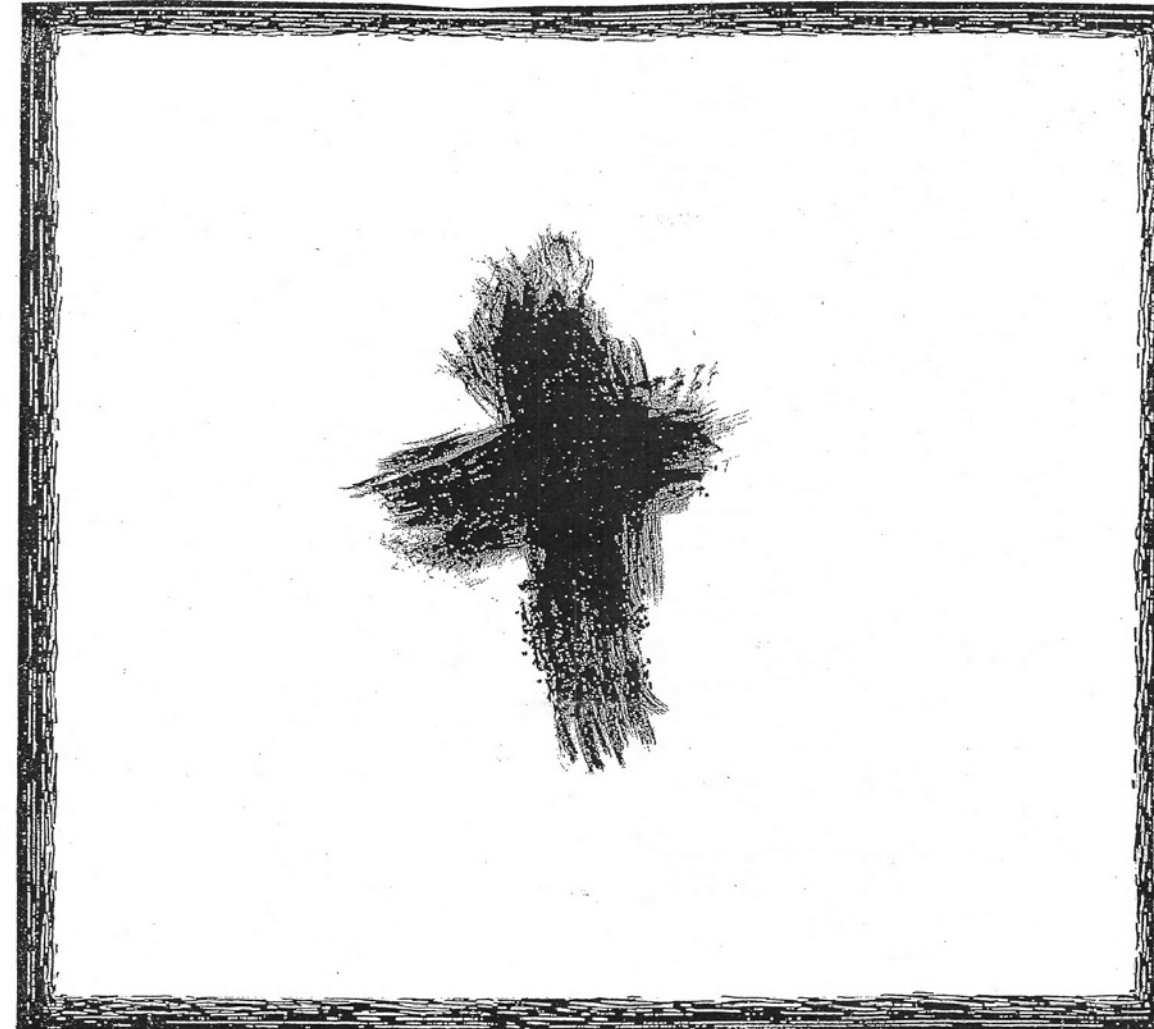
March 1	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:10 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Southeast Vestibule
	10:30 a.m.	Morning worship

OFFICE HOURS

9:00-12:00 Monday through Friday
Amanda J. Thompson, Secretary

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“And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:8