

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

***Trinity Chimes**

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Unison: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Forever. Amen.

***Hymn**.....No. 45
“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

A Prayer of Confession

Pastor: On behalf of the Church universal, let us together make our confession.

Unison : Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. In Christ Jesus we are forgiven. – 1 John 1:8-9

Response

Choir: I love the Lord. He heard my cry and pitied every groan. Long as I live and troubles rise I’ll hasten to his throne.

All: (Repeat)

Old Testament.....Jeremiah 50:1-5 (755)

New Testament.....II Peter 1:5-11 (236)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Concerns & Updates

Choral Call to Prayer.....”Surely the Presence of the Lord”

Morning Prayer

Response to Prayer (back of hymnal).....”Threefold Amen”

Offering for Ministry and Missions

Offertory Interlude

*Doxology (front of hymnal) and Prayer

Children’s Moment

Hymn.....No. 148
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Gospel Lesson.....Luke 23:32-43 (89)

“I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.” – Luke 23:43

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Morning Message.....”Your Opportunity to Live in Paradise”

***An Affirmation of Faith – “The Apostles’ Creed”**

Unison: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn**.....No. 500
“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

***Announcements** (move to front during last verse of hymn)

***Benediction – Chimes – Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. We are glad you have joined us and want you to feel warmly welcomed to this community of faith and hope you will experience the Holy Spirit moving in this place. A **special welcome** is extended to **Joy Lawton** who is filling in this morning in Sid's absence. If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate and sign the visitor's book in the vestibule.

The flowers this morning were given by Pinkie and Nancy Bland in loving memory of Mable Grissom on the occasion of her birthday on February 26.

FLOWERS NEXT SUNDAY – OPEN

GREETERS – Today – Wilson and Hannah Holland

Next Sunday – Billy and Becky Gwaltney

LAY READER – Today – Bobby Claud

Next Sunday –

COUNTERS – Today – David Edwards and DeWitt Holland

Next Sunday – Jamie MacKenzie and Bentley Richardson

<u>Today</u>	1:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
<u>Monday</u>	7:30 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Praise Service in the Martha S. Persons Classroom.
	12:30-3:00 p.m.	Adult Art Classes in the Fellowship Hall – acrylic and watercolor painting, independent work, sketching and drawing.
<u>Thursday</u>	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study – “Proclaiming the Kingdom” by Rev. Adam Hamilton in the Sanctuary.
<u>Friday</u>	6:00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer Observance beginning with a baked potato dinner followed by a service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up for the dinner TODAY -- \$5.00 donation.
<u>Next Sunday</u>	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Time in the Fellowship Hall before the Sunday School Hour.
<u>Sun, March 18</u>	2:00 p.m.	Church Bowling Outing – details to follow – mark your calendars!!

Notes: Circle #2 is continuing their drive to collect new or gently used children's and adult's coats, jackets, scarves, mittens and hats -- XLG in adult wear is especially appreciated. Please bring your clean garments and place them in the boxes in the vestibule or the lobby. Please check your mailboxes regularly.

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