

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 27, 2008

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INTROIT *Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face* MORECAMBE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: **The Lord is the refuge of my life; of whom then should I go in dread?**
Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I call aloud; show me favor and answer me.
People: **I will seek thy face, O Lord; do not hide from me.**
Leader: Well I know that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
People: **Wait for the Lord; be strong, take courage, and wait for the Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN #420 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA
verses 1,4,5

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son, and restore us to fellowship with him.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

THROUGH CHILDREN’S EYES

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12–23 page 1500

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

ANTHEM *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Fair* Powell

SERMON **The Light of the World** Rev. Ned Beckes

*HYMN #357 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** APOSTLES’ CREED

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

*GLORIA #579 Gloria Patri

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* Robinson

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pew Pad

*DOXOLOGY #592 Old Hundredth

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN #425 *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining* ABBOT’S LEIGH
verses 1,2,4

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *We Have No Help But Yours* MORECAMBE

POSTLUDE

You are invited to remain and enjoy the presentation of this piece as you so wish.

*Congregation Stands

***Late Arrivals Seated

CFN January 30: Faith and the World: “Religious Persecution in Vietnam Today,” Dr. Robert Topmiller, ECU History Department

FLOWERS: If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for worship, please contact Chris Campbell (623-5628) by Thursday of the week you choose so it can be mentioned in the bulletin.

NEWSLETTER TEAM: Thursday, January 31, 1:30 p.m.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet briefly after church today in the parlor.

LECTIONARY AT LUNCH: Tuesday at noon