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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

February 25, 2018

The Second Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

The congregation stands

Silent Procession by choir and pastor

The congregation sits

Introit by the Choir Christ, We Do All Adore Thee Theodore Dubois, 1899

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

Prayer to the Lamb of God

After each section of the prayer, the congregation joins the pastor, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn 92 Beneath the Cross of Jesus St. Christopher

Prayer of Confession Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.**

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie by the Choir

David N. Johnson, 1972

Concluding Prayer by the Pastor

Assurance of Pardon – Epistle

Romans 4:13-25

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 488 The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)
God of the covenant, as your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown, so may your church be granted such faith that we may with courage, take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Old Testament

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Unison

Those who fear the Lord, praise him. All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him.

Stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel.

For he did not despise the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will pay my vows before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

All the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To him shall all who sleep in the earth bow down.

Before him shall bow down all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it.

Anthem My Savior and My God Jay Althouse, 2014

My life, my love I give to Thee; Thou Lamb of God who died for me. O may I ever faithful be,
my Savior and my God. Thou who died on Calvary to save my soul and set me free, I'll dedicate
my life to Thee. I'll live for Him who died for me. How richer then my life will be. I'll bow to
Him on bended knee, my Savior and my God (-- Ralph E. Hudson, 1882; alt.; Jay Althouse)

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Sermon

Where to Hitch Your Wagon

Mike Krech

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Mark 8:34

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

When Jesus Wept

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the second Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2018. Our order of service is intended to reflect the penitential nature of this season, as we in heart and mind join Jesus in his 40 days in the wilderness, and focus upon his suffering and death on the cross. (JMK)