

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
All: **And also with you.**

†GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 16:2-20

ANTHEM God So Loved the World Allen

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 16:21-35

MESSAGE An Invitation to the Lenten Table of Jesus Christ
Rev. Chip Stapleton

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The 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.

RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee arr. Cheek

†DOXOLOGY #592

**“Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above Ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

†HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

v. 1 - soloist

v. 2 - choir

v. 3 - congregation

Though none go with me, still I will follow

Though none go with me, still I will follow

Though none go with me, still I will follow

No turning back, no turning back

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE I Have Decided to Follow Jesus arr. Howell

†All who are able, please stand



~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

*We ask that you keep our home-bound in your thoughts and prayers.*

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| P.W. and Martha Jessup       | Steve & Orion Gaynos               |
| Jean Robinson                | Madie Rae Locklear                 |
| Lisa Hitt                    | ("Grandma" to the Guy Family)      |
| (daughter of Gayle McDonald) | Lib Yarborough                     |
| Charlotte Ingram             | Bill Johnson                       |
| June Marie Smith             | Betty Graham                       |
| Doris & John English         | Mike Byerly (SIL to Shirley Olund) |
| Violet McNeill               | Bill Owen                          |
| Randy Gainer                 |                                    |

Please let us know if you have concerns that you think the church should know about. Please limit to close-extended family. We will put their names (and relation to you if you desire) in the email update. The names will be removed after a few weeks unless requested otherwise. Kelli 910-401-0928 or kellilu@gmail.com

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Chip Stapleton, Senior Minister  
Pam Langston, Dir. of Music Ministries  
Jen Jammer, Dir. of Children's Ministry  
Chris Jackson, Dir. of Youth Ministry

Hello Highlanders,

As I get older, one of the things that constantly surprises me is the speed at which time passes. I remember when days or even hours sometimes felt like an eternity - but now weeks and months sometimes seem to go by in the blink of an eye.

I thought of this as I realized that we are already a full week into Lent. As time moves quickly on, it is incumbent upon us to take intentional steps to mark important moments in our lives, so that they don't all pass us by.

Lent is an important time for us as we seek to follow Jesus. It is a yearly opportunity to be reminded of our mortality, our desperate need for God, and God's unyielding love and faithfulness for us, demonstrated most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The only way these times and these moments don't pass us by is by making a point of marking them.

That is why we have special worship services during Lent: Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of the season and set the tone for our lenten practices; the Holy week services to remind of specific moments of Jesus life, lived for us; and then our weekly midday services.

These services - on Thursdays @12:15 in the chapel, are an opportunity to take your lunch hour and recenter your heart, mind, and faith in the middle of a busy week. The brief service - modeled after the midday prayer that is part of the ancient practice of 'praying the hours', includes prayer, music, and a brief meditation. It is followed by a simple soup and sandwich lunch.

I have grown to really love and rely on these midweek services to help focus and reinvigorate my Lenten practices and observance, and I hope you might find that true for you as well.

*Sharing God's Love,*

~Chip

**SUPPERS FOR 6**

We are having such a good time with our Suppers for 6 and want all who want to participate to sign-up now! We are opening "enrollment" for the 2nd-quarter of the year. Please get a sign-up form at the front desk, fill it out, return it to Kelli (or drop it at the front desk or in the offering plate). Someone will get in touch with you as to who is in your group.

If you need to step away from this program for a little bit, let Kelli know that as well. (Kellilu@gmail.com).



**Bible Study**

The Thursday morning Bible study class is now on a study on Phillipians. We will be using a workbook and video by Beth Moore called The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ, A Study of Phillipians. The study will be in room #219 (over the Learning Center). We meet from 10-12 and welcome all.

