

WORSHIP SERVICE

High School Youth Lead Worship

February 11, 2024

WELCOME, all who come to worship with us this day! May you discover the spirit of Christ in this place and among this church family gathered here. VISITORS will find name tags in the friendship pads on the pews. Please refrain from sound recordings during worship. Our service is live-streamed and recorded. Your participation is your consent to be recorded.

+all are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

You are invited to read aloud the words **in bold**.

Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Holy Ground

Dr. Allred

The prelude is a time of transition, from hurried lives into the eternal presence of God.

At the sound of the bells, we invite you to make this a time of prayerful preparation for worship.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cooper Kirkpatrick

+CALL TO WORSHIP*

Owen Beale

Come to the mountain, you people of God.

We come to hear God's Word.

Come to sing God's greatness.

for the Lord is righteous and just!

Come to proclaim God's goodness,

for the Lord is the Holy One!

Come to proclaim God's brilliance,

for the Lord is clothed with light!

Come, you people, to the mountain of God

for we are gathered to worship our Lord!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY*

God of all Brilliance, we follow you to the mountain and stand in awe of your presence. The Son that has been born to us is now the King that shines before us. Gather us as your people that we might worship within your light. May that light illuminate our journey that we may follow with sure feet and prepare for the Lenten journey ahead. **Amen.**

+CALL TO CONFESSION**

Emily Owen

God is more vast than the night sky, brighter than the sun, and wilder than a tornado. Yet, God loves us enough to come to us in ways that we see and understand. Let us open our hearts to God, confessing the ways that we have fallen short of God's call to love our neighbor and love the Lord.

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now. (silent prayer)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel: the brilliance of Christ's presence before us outshines the darkness of our sin. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

+THE PEACE

Owen Beale

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

+HYMN #452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Emily Owen

Our God is the God who appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai and revealed God's self to Elijah in a "sound of sheer silence" (1 Kings 19:12). This is the same God in our midst today. This is the same God who seeks us, who created us, who loves us. Holy Spirit, move in our hearts and minds that we might hear your message for us today

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 99:9

O.T. pg. 552

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Cooper Kirkpatrick

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SERMON

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN #66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

Emily Owen

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Owen Beale

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL FOR OFFERING**

Owen Beale

Let us honor the Word of God by the offering of our tithes, trusting that our money, freely given, will be a blessing to God and our neighbors.

OFFERTORY

Air in D

J.S. Bach

+DOXOLOGY

Glory to God Hymnal #607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty, on the mountain top, you instructed Peter, James and John: “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” We are listening, God, and we hear your call to make the world a better place alongside your Holy Spirit. We offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them. May they be blessed to do your bidding.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

+HYMN #543 *O Christ, Surround Me* GREEN TYLER

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** (Isaiah 40:31) Emily Owen

May our eyes be open to the ways the Almighty reveals the divine. It may not be as grand as the Transfiguration, but it is there: in the whiteness of snow, in the love of animals, in the joy of a good meal, in the beating of our hearts. Take time to drink in the wonder of this life, and then go out to share it with others. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, may we know God’s blessing and be at peace.

+POSTLUDE *Hail Thee, Brightest of Days* J.S. Bach

END OF WORSHIP BEGINNING OF SERVICE

+Congregation is invited to stand

The second pew on the pulpit side is reserved for those who are hearing impaired.

Hearing aid devices and large print bulletins are available at the sound desk.

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Cooper sends a very special thank you to Papa for sermon inspiration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breakfast and the Bible is every Sunday during the 9 a.m. Free breakfast with Bible story and song. Families welcome. Fellowship Hall.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—Each year thousands of individuals and groups from all fifty states participate in Souper Bowl of Caring donation fundraisers for their local food charity of choice. Since 1990, over 300,000 groups have participated to support local food programs in their community. Our youth group will be collecting dollars in soup pots and cans of soup for those in need before and after the worship service on February 11. Every dollar and food donation will go directly to a local charity. What if everyone watching the BIG GAME gave just \$1 to hunger relief in their community? That would be over 330 million meals from just ONE event! Join us!

To celebrate Black History Month, on February 11 and 18 at 11:15 a.m., the Justice and Peacemaking Committee will host a book discussion and author visit based on the book *Belles of Liberty* by Linda Beatrice Brown. All are welcome. You do not have to have read the book in order to attend either session. On February 11, we will discuss the book in detail, and on the 18th, we will welcome author Linda Beatrice Brown to give her perspective and insight as a participant in the Movement and as a former student of Bennett College. Also, GPPC has a historical connection with Bennett. You may remember GPPC's own Dr David Pinnix who brought his Bennett choir to our church for concerts prior to their touring the country. A sign-up sheet has been provided on the JP Committee bulletin board. Please join us for this 2-part event as we discuss the often untold "herstory" of the Civil Rights Movement in Greensboro. Copies of the book should be available in the church office by February 1. For questions, please contact Keith Harrington. Please join us as we celebrate Greensboro's history of acting in faith for justice.

Join us for The Word This Week, Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Library. This is the lectionary group Pastor Stephen hosts each week to discuss the scripture(s) for the upcoming Sunday service. All are welcome and no preparation is needed. Just come as you are with a curiosity for the text.

Monday Night Sunday School— Want to be an Ambassador for Christ? Apostle Paul is instructing us this week through our Monday night Bible study at 7 p.m. in the GPPC Library as we explore II Corinthians to get his marching orders on becoming Christ's Ambassador here in our neighborhood. Please join the study of Paul's instructions for us.

Buddy and Me are monthly activities for children grade 2 and under along with their favorite buddy. We meet on the second Saturday for fellowship and support at church or a scheduled field trip. Please make sure you are on the email for upcoming activity details. Contact Kim Row, krow@guilfordpark.org or Kay Owen 72kowen@gmail.com to get on the email list.

Session is looking for four volunteers from the Congregation to join three members of Session on the Nominating Committee. The time commitment is small, but the importance is large. We will meet as a group in late August/early September to identify and put forth a slate of congregation members for the Session class of 2027. The committee then contacts those members and requests them to serve for a three-year term. A box will be placed on Gathering Table in the rear of the Sanctuary for anyone inclined to volunteer. Please help us with this very important committee. Contact Bill Hickling or Jill Moore.
Bill Hickling, Chair of the Nominating Committee

Come on out for **GPPC's annual Chili Cook-off** on Sunday, February 25 at 6 p.m. Sign up to bring your tastiest chili for some friendly competition. Who will win bragging rights for the best chili? Who will be our Rookie winner? We also need chili eaters! Sign up to let us know you're coming to taste these chilis. Bring a dessert to share. Sign-up sheet for chefs and eaters are on the Fellowship board. Or email Emmy Biaggi at emmy.biaggi@gmail.com.

TREE OF GIVING– This winter season through February, we are asking our GPPC family to consider donating hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, and coats for our "**Tree of Warmth.**" Donated items can be placed in the labeled basket in the church lobby. These donations will be delivered to YWCA emergency overnight shelter for families.

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering- This season of Lent we will again participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on March 31 to help our neighbors in need around the world. Please join us in celebrating the 75th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 11

High School Leads Worship

Souper Bowl Sunday

9:30 a.m. Breakfast and the Bible–
Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Book Discussion– Westminster

2:00 p.m. Children's Music

Monday, February 12

9:00 a.m. Librarian– Library

2:00 p.m. Treasurers– Library

6:00 p.m. Guilford Guys Alumni– gym

7:00 p.m. Monday Night Sunday School–
Library

7:00 p.m. Finance– Westminster

Tuesday, February 13

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting– Library

11:00 a.m. The Word This Week– Library

5:00 p.m. Circle 5– Parlor

6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells– Westminster

7:00 p.m. YES Rehearsal– Choir room

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 a.m.

Men's Book Study– Green Joe's

7:30 a.m.

High School Morning Muffins–
Panera

7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

Guidepost Articles due

6:00 p.m.

Guilford Park Guys– gym

7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir– sanctuary

Saturday, February 17

10:00 a.m.

All Youth Backpack Beginnings

5:00 p.m.

HPU Basketball Game

Sunday, February 18

9:30 a.m.

Breakfast and the Bible–
Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

11:15 a.m.

Book Discussion– Westminster

2:00 p.m.

Children's Music

3:30 p.m.

Session– Westminster

1:00 p.m.

NCCJ Interfaith Tour

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Bo Rodenbough, Steve Dixon, Ed Bonkemeyer, James Kirkpatrick

Liturgist: High School Youth

Camera operator: Cooper Kirkpatrick

Soundboard operator: Stephen Lacz

Opening/Closing: John Parker/Scott Moore

Flower Visitation: Julie and Gary Parker

Bread Delivery: Hunter Gibbons and Ellie Thompson

FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S TABLE today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ernie Skillman for his 103rd birthday, by Katherine Skillman Newton.

Ministers: All the members of the Church

Pastor: Stephen Fearing

Parish Associate: Kit Schooley

Parish Associate: Fred Beck

Christian Educator for Children and Youth: Kim Row

Director of Music Ministries and Organist: Bill Allred

Music Director for YES Worship Service: Brian Fitts

Church Administrator: Jane Sharpe

YES Accompanist: Jordan Hart

Preschool Director: Rebecca Willoughby

Missionaries we support: Jan Feliciano in Mexico, and Tracey King-Ortega in Nicaragua

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GPPC Elders:

Class of 2024

Mary Bruce

Kay Cheshire

Lisa Jones

Jansen Lasley

Kay Owen

Don Yelton

Owen Beale— Youth Elder

Class of 2025

Katherine Glasgow

Bill Hickling

Brad Kemmerer

Leslie Loyd

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