



Purity Presbyterian Church

135 Wylie Street, Chester, SC 29706

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY 1st Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2010

11:00 am

Dr. William M. Johnson, Interim Pastor

Mrs. Faye A. Daniel, Director of Music/Organist

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering: We informally greet one another and prepare for worship.

Visitors are asked to sign the visitor's book in the back of the church.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Jack Schrader

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In this season, we worship remembering Jesus' death in love for us and all people.

People: *Lent is a time of tears.*

Leader: But out of tears, joy is born – the joy of sin forgiven, hope reborn, and life restored.

People: *We stand in awe of the God who brings joy out of tears, and life out of death. Let us worship with reverence. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Creator God, it is you who have made us, and not we ourselves. We are dust without your breath of life. We are creatures, not Creator; yet you entrust the care of creation to us. Breathe your Spirit into us that we might be faithful in the tasks you set before us; through Jesus Christ, who came to redeem your lost creation. Amen.

*HYMN No. 84

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Rathbun

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God came among us to save us from sin and death. In walking to the cross, Christ freed us from the bondage of guilt and judgment. We come before God now, seeking grace freely given.

People: *Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.*

Leader: When we hear and obey the voice of the world rather than turning to you for guidance-

People: *Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.*

Leader: When we critically judge others without wanting to look at ourselves-

People: *Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.*

Leader: When we fail to love any of your people out of prejudice and fear-

People: *Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.*

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

"Lord Have Mercy Upon Us"

#574

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory Be to the Father"

#579

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible page 160)

Romans 10:8-13

ANTHEM

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Carl F. Mueller

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible page 683)

Isaiah 53

SERMON

"The God Who Pursues Us"

Rev. Johnson

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"
(Traditional)

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*HYMN No. 83

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

Deo Gracias

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. by: S. Folkemer

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN No. 359**

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

More Love to Thee

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

"May God's Great Peace"

Este's Psalmes

***POSTLUDE**

"I Will Magnify the Lord"

Mark Williams

**Please stand if able*

The flowers in the church are placed by Neil and Anne Collins in honor of the Purity family who support each other and the community with love and service.

Mission Statement

Purity Presbyterian Church has the mission to glorify Jesus Christ through corporate worship, prayer, stewardship, study, faith, outreach, witnessing with our church family and the community.



Offering 2/7/10 \$1,056.68



**American
Red Cross**

**Chester City Churches
Blood Drive**

**Thursday, March 4th
2:00 pm – 6:30 pm
First Baptist Church**

**Call Mitch Foster @ 803-277-4564
for an appointment!**



Providence Presbytery

HAITI

Earthquake Relief

"They also serve who stand and wait..." --John Milton

WHAT CAN PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY DO IN HAITI? Many churches and individuals are longing to rush in to save the day, yet Haiti's relief needs are complex and long term, and help of many different kinds will be needed at different stages. Right now the churches of Chester, Kershaw, Lancaster, Union and York counties are asked to stand in the "GAP"...

GIVE to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief for Haiti online at www.pcusa.org. Typing "DR000064" in the search box will take you to the Haiti contribution page. You can also mark your donation with the donation number above and send to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

ACT: Providence Presbytery has been asked to:

- 1) Compile a list of names of medical personnel who might be able to make a one week commitment to work in Haiti, either in May or September of this year. Please call Fred Powell (803-581-0448) if you are willing to go help.
- 2) Collect the following items for making Hygiene Kits and bring to the Presbytery Office in Rock Hill on Thursday, MARCH 4 at 6:30 pm: hand towels (16"x28" size only), washcloths, wide tooth combs, nail clippers (no metal files or emery boards), wrapped toothbrushes (no toothpaste) wrapped bath size bars of soap, Band-Aids, boxes of one-gallon plastic bags.

PRAY for our Haitian sisters and brothers and for the relief workers from all over the world who are risking their lives to help.

A collection basket is located in the library.

Donations from Purity will be taken to the Presbytery office on Thursday morning, March 4, 2010.

Everyone is invited to a catered appreciation farewell luncheon for our interim minister, Dr. William Johnson directly following the worship service on

Sunday, February 28.

**Please RSVP to Lynne no later than Tuesday, February
23.**