

Entrance

Gathering *(As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.)*Prelude *(Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.)**Could You Not Watch with Me?* - arr. T. Kendall*Jesus, Lover of My Soul* - arr. L. Shackley

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Welcome *(During this time please pass the pew pads.)*

Time of Centering

Jill Boliek, piano

Deep Were His Wounds - arr. T. Keesecker

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship *(read responsively)**Psalm 25:4-7*

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

All: **Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

All: **Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

*Extinguishing of a Lenten Candle

John 3:19

...the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light...

*Invocation

*Opening Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

No. 269

Proclamation

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sacrament of Baptism

Caroline Ray Schreiner

Response of the Family

Response of The Community

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your repentance of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the faith and life of the body of Christ and include Caroline who is now before you in your care?

People: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news of God's grace and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Caroline with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may****grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may always be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to abundant life.**

Baptismal Prayer

The Sacrament of Baptism

Pastor: Caroline Ray, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Caroline, the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

People: **Through baptism you are incorporated by the Spirit of God into the community of the Body of Christ. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you.**

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may continue to grow in grace and peace all of your life.

People: **Amen.***Baptismal Response *(first verse)*

No. 605

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters****Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,******where your cleansing waters flow.******Number them among your people;******blest as Christ blest long ago.******Weave them garments bright and sparkling;******compass them with love and light.******Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,******holy dove, and heart's delight.***

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(Children age 4 - 1st grade may leave for children's church.)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

Meditation

Rev. Jay Minnick

Response

Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Congregational Prayer of Confession *(in unison)**Adapted from "Enriching Our Worship"***Loving and gracious God, we confess that we sin against you when we choose to live our lives in opposition to your spirit. Time and time again we deny your goodness in others, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that tends to enslave us, the evil we have done, as****well as the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us that we might walk in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**The Lord's Prayer *(please pray in unison)***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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.****And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.****For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

The Chancel Choir

Wonderful Words of Life - arr. B. Harlan*Doxology *(sung in unison)***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.**

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

No. 671

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

*Pastoral Benediction

*Postlude

Postlude on *Deo Gracias* - arr. E. Broughton

*please rise in body or in spirit

If you are looking for a church home in the Raleigh area we would love for you to become part of our church family here at Pleasant Grove. Please contact the church office for more information about church membership.

Weekly Announcements

Starting tomorrow, February 19, new flooring will be installed in the Fellowship Hall to address some water damage issues. For safety reasons, the entire Education Building (Fellowship Hall, kitchen, & classrooms) will be closed starting this afternoon until the installation is completed. Thanks for your patience as we make this important update to our facilities!

On Saturday, March 2, from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Welcome Center, children ages 3-10 are invited to reflect on the season of Lent through Liz Curtis Higgs' book *The Parable of the Lily*. After reading the book we will decorate flower pots and plant seeds. RSVP to Ashley Yohman at ashley.yohman@pgumc.org by February 27.

High School Dinner Theater is Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16! Dinner Theater includes a delicious 3-course candlelight dinner and an entertaining show put on by our youth! The cost is \$35/person & \$30/senior adults. Free childcare for those under the age of 11 is available. To make reservations, please contact Ashley Yohman. Seating begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The High School Youth thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser!

Volunteers are needed for our annual Spring Clean Up scheduled for Saturday, March 16, at 9:00 a.m. The focus will be on trimming hedges and spreading mulch around the church's property. Many hands will make light work, especially if you can bring wheel barrows, pitchforks, rakes, battery or gas powered hedge trimmers, battery or gas powered leaf blowers pruning shears, tall step ladders (8 or 10 ft), square point shovels, and a small battery or gas powered chain saw. If you have questions please contact Kenny Hill at 919-710-3083.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at 9:00 a.m. (please note date change). Children ages 2 - 5th grade are invited to join us for a light breakfast followed by a fun Easter egg hunt. In case of bad weather on the 23rd, a rain date is scheduled for Saturday, April 6. For more information please contact Ashley Yohman.

Did you know? We have an online church directory that may be accessed through our church's website. Simply go to the "connect" tab on the website home page and then click on "directory info". Church members may set up a log in, update their contact information, add a current family photo, and find contact information for other members of our church family. It's a great way to stay connected!

Volunteers are needed to help provide meals for our Great Minds kids on Monday evenings in April. Individuals, families, small groups, Sunday school classes, etc. are welcome to get involved. If you'd like to help, please contact Elaine Guarnieri at ggelaine97@gmail.com.

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