

St. John's Baptist Church

February 21, 2010

**First Sunday in Lent**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2010**  
**10:30 A.M.**

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

Air  
*Maureen Howell, organ*

Herbert Howells

**WORDS OF GREETING**

Lee Gray

**AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE**

*We encourage all worshipers to complete the Friendship Register located at the end of each pew.*

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me:  
People: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**

**COME BEFORE THE LORD WITH SINGING**

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Come before the Lord with joyful song!*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 23**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

*LAUDA ANIMA*

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Leader: May the angels, who see you more than we can, teach us to praise you, O God. May their song of your holiness ring in our ears.

People: **Purify our hearts in this season, Lord, that we may learn to praise.**

Leader: Let us seek you by desiring you; let us desire you by seeking you. Let us find you by loving you, and love you in finding you.

People: **Purify our hearts in this season, Lord, that we may find and follow you.**

# OPENING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

## SONG

Refiner's Fire  
Maddie Phillips

Brian Doerksen

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martha Kearse

*As we pray together, listen for the phrase, and respond accordingly.*

Leader: “. . . if we but call, you will answer.”

People: **Make us holy, God, and wholly yours.**

## DISCIPLES' PRAYER

**O**ur 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.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -  
giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

# GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## READING FROM THE PSALMS

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

*The Message*

**Y**ou who sit down in the High God's presence, spend the night in Shaddai's shadow, Say this: "God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe!" . . .

## \*HYMN 77

On Eagle's Wings

*ON EAGLE'S WINGS*

## READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark McNeill

**Luke 4:1-13**

**J**esus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, '*One does not live by bread alone.*' "

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, '*Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.*' "

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, '*He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,*' and '*On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.*' "

Jesus answered him, "It is said, '*Do not put the Lord your God to the test.*' "

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

#### \*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 572

Take Time to Be Holy

*HOLINESS*

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*Katholisches Gesangbuch, c.1774*  
arranged by John Ferguson

*Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confetetur. [We praise you, God: we acknowledge you as Lord.] Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all we bow before you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!” Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit — three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.*

— from 4th century Latin hymn and  
Ignaz Franz (1719-1790); Tr. by Clarence Walworth, 1853

#### \*PRESENTATION

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

# SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

Amy Hammond, Clara Kremer, Elizabeth Solitario

## STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYER AND PASTORAL BLESSING

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude

Théodore Dubois

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*\*Congregation Standing*

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### A POEM FOR THOUGHT . . .

#### **The Shadow Side**

The shadow side of Jesus  
is a way of saying  
he wrestled with the risks  
his strengths exacted

the miraculous means  
which served no higher ends

the daredevil leap  
to titillate the crowd

the mountaintop view  
of worlds to rule and ruin

and he discovered  
how to deal  
with all the demons  
which embraced his world.

—Thomas John Carlisle

# Announcements

## Women of the Church

**Prayer Retreat**, today, 11:45 am - 3:00 pm, in Broach Hall - “Interior Renovation: Designing Your Prayer Life” with guest speaker Rev. Kathy Naish, Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Viewmont Baptist Church in Hickory.

## Wednesday, February 24

### Family Night:

5:30 - Children’s Choirs

5:45 - Dinner

6:45 - Bible Study

6:45 - Mission Resource Team

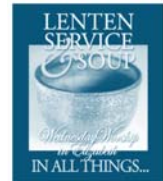
6:45 - Classes: Guitar, Yoga, Writing, Canasta, Needlework

Family Night menu for this week: Chicken pot pie, green beans, salad, rolls, cobbler.

Reminder: Please make your Family Night dinner reservation (or cancellation) by 2:00 pm on Mondays.

## Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Series

Wednesdays, 12:00 noon, at Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1609 East 5th Street. Speaker for February 24: Rev. Eric Guthrie, Chaplain at Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy. Lunch provided by Custom Shop (\$5 - proceeds to Friendship Trays and Community Culinary School of Charlotte.)



## Book Study Group

Beginning Monday, February 22, at 12:00 noon (Room 209) - a Lenten study based on “*Bridges to a Contemplative Life*” by Thomas Merton. All are welcome!

## Youth News

Next Sunday, February 28th, is Youth Sunday.

Youth are on their regular Sunday night schedule with recreation at 5:00 pm in the gym,

Youth Choir at 5:30, dinner at 6:15 and programming at 6:30.

## February Food Collection for Loaves and Fishes

A barrel has been provided in the gym foyer for these items being collected for Loaves and Fishes: 100% juice, canned fruit, peanut butter, soups, canned meat, pork and beans.

Sponsored by your Hunger Committee.



## Lenten Devotional Series

The daily devotional series available at [d365.org](http://d365.org) becomes *Journey to the Cross* through the season of Lent. The series is sponsored, in part, by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

# St. John's Baptist Church

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## This Week's Events

### Sunday, February 21

9:00 .....	Holy Grounds
9:15 .....	Sunday School
10:30 .....	Worship
11:45 .....	Women's Prayer Retreat
5:00 .....	Youth Activities

### Monday, February 22

12:00 .....	Book Study Group
6:00 .....	Interim Steering Committee

### Tuesday, February 23

11:00 .....	Book Club
12:00 .....	Book Club Covered Dish Lunch

### Wednesday, February 24

11:00 .....	Women's Bible Study
5:30 .....	Children's Choirs
5:45 .....	Family Night Dinner
6:25 .....	Update from Interim Steering Team
6:45 .....	Mission Resource Team
.....	Bible Study with Layne Smith
.....	Yoga Class, Writing Class, Canasta Class
.....	Guitar Class, Nothing but Needles Class
.....	Children's Mission Activities

### Thursday, February 25

7:30 .....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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### Friday, February 26

9:30 .....	Craft Class
6:00 .....	Room in the Inn

## Recent Illnesses

Presby.: Ethel Harris

CMC: Karen Moegerle

Sardis Oaks: Bob Benton

At home: Polly Hull, Lourine Brinkley,

Margaret Almond, Henry Bostic,

Elsie Benton (at Kevin & Lia's)

## The St. John's Pulpit - February 28

### Youth Sunday Speakers:

Amy Hammond, Clara Kremer,

Elizabeth Solitario

## Becoming a Member

Towards the end of the worship service this morning, we will sing a *Hymn of Discipleship*. During the singing of this hymn, we invite those who wish to join SJBC to come to the front and speak to the Pastor. We receive members in the following three ways:

- Profession of faith in Jesus Christ (followed by baptism at a later time)

- Transfer of membership from another church

- Statement of previous church membership

We take church membership seriously at SJBC.

When you join St. John's, you enter into a covenant with the other members. Copies of the church covenant (which includes expectations of members) are available through the church office.

We believe that every member has gifts for ministry in Christ's Church making it important to find the right church family through which to use those gifts. If you have questions, one of the ministers is available to visit with you regarding membership during the week. Call the church office (704-333-5428) or fill out an *I Wish* card found in the backs of the pews and place it in the offering plate.

## Church Staff

<i>Intentional Interim Pastor</i> .....	Layne Smith
<i>Minister of Youth and Young Singles</i> .....	Lee Gray
<i>Minister of Music</i> .....	Warren Howell
<i>Minister of Children and Family Life</i> .....	Martha Kears
<i>Organist</i> .....	Maureen Howell
<i>Business Manager</i> .....	Carolyn Richards
<i>Support Staff</i> .....	Peggy Harrison, Charlene Fry
<i>Building Superintendent</i> .....	Steve Taylor
<i>Custodial Staff</i> .....	Floarea Secere, Willie Nash