

4th Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2012

GATHERING

Prelude: “Rock of Ages”

arr. William Stickles

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: In our times of blessing, let us remember the Lord.

People: Let us lift up our eyes to the God of grace.

Leader: In our times in the wilderness, let us remember the Lord.

People: Let us lift up our eyes to the God who saves.

Leader: Let us remember that we were created for good.

People: And let us lift up our hearts in the worship of God.

*Hymn: #261 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you bring us our days of light, and yet still we forget you. And when the night comes, we lose our way in the darkness. We see only ourselves, our cares, our worries, our desires. We do not see the neighbor who needs us. We do not see you. Forgive us, Lord. Find us again. Lead us into the light. Lift us up once more to life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem:

8:00 - “Come Away with Me”

John Horman

Karen Homsher

10:30 – “God So Loved the World”

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 (p. 134); Ephesians 2:1-10 (p.181)

*Hymn: #282 “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Children’s Sermon

Children may leave for God’s Place for Boys and Girls

Second Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21 (p. 88)

Sermon: **LIFTED UP FOR LIFE**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Apostles Creed (p. 14)(Ecumenical Version)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: #308 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Rock of Ages”

Lenny Seidel

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Sue Funk

10:30 – Craig Keenan and Darwin Eshleman

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Louis & Esta Fisher
120 Pearl Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

TODAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00 p.m. Enfield Dr. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

TUESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study

WEDNESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m. Combined Session & Deacon Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY: Daffodil Days

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults
IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Evie Lopez
10:30 - Deb Beane & Johanna Gingher

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week’s offering total was \$2,739.17
Total in Organ Fund is \$47,255.82

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering runs through Lent.
Envelopes are available in the pews. Please prayerfully consider giving to this special fund for people in need.

Saturday, March 31 is work day. There is a “Work Day List” in the Narthex for you to put items that you feel need attention. We want to try to make sure everyone’s concerns get addressed. *Please* plan on coming out and helping, it is a great time to socialize.

Today is the last day - Presbyterian Women is collecting used clothing, still in *nice, clean shape*, for a Clothing Bank to be held at the March 29th Community Meal. Clothing that is left will be taken to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank. There is a collection box out in the Narthex. Thanks for your support.

Tuesday we will continue our **Lenten Study**, entitled "**Old Stories in New Wineskins-Seeing Parables in New Ways.**" Together, we will look at some of Jesus' parables from new directions and fresh eyes. We will begin with a light meal at 6:00. Please come and join us as we undertake our journey through Lent.

The Church will be having a Huge Yard Sale this Spring (date to be announced), please start collecting/ earmarking items for this sale to support the Organ Fund Drive.

<u>Sunday School Elective-- Winter Quarter---9:20AM each Sunday—Up-Coming</u> Sunday School Adult Elective Topics			
<u>Elective</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>
Bible Study Discussion	Library	Growing through Perplexing Situations	Growing Through Failure
Current Issues Discussion	Fellowship Hall	God’s Creation/Food	God’s Creation/Food