

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2015 | 11:00 am | Wellshire Presbyterian Church

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This | arr. by Robert Lind

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations | Halsey Stevens

* CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you are kind and forgiving,
full of love to all who call on you.

**Listen to our prayers, O Lord:
hear the cries of our pleading;
help us walk with you this day.**

If you lead us where we fear to go,
give us courage and keep us true

**that we may bear our cross without shame
and live in the promise of life eternal. Amen.**

* HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty | UNSER HERRSCHER

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can
become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but
heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil,
and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

* KYRIE

Malcolm Archer (in hymnal rack for Congregation and Choir)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* GLORIA

Malcolm Archer (in hymnal rack for Congregation and Choir)
Children (K-5th grade) are dismissed to attend Children's Education.

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (OT p. 13)

SECOND READING

Mark 8:31-38 (NT p. 44)

ANTHEM

Jesus, I Adore Thee | arr. by Stephen Caracciolo

SERMON TEXT

John 17:1-26 (NT pp. 111-112)

SERMON

When Jesus Prayed | The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr.

* The Congregation is invited to stand. **Bold Print** indicates congregational participation.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from *The Confession of 1967* – Prayer and Praise: 9.50
The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response, it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgement of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of God's goodness, the healing of ills, and their deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of his love.

* HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory | TO GOD BE THE GLORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Please fill out and pass the Friendship Pad.

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Blagoslovi, dushe moya, Ghospoda | Pavel Chesnokov
Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed art Thou, O Lord,
O Lord my God, Thou art very great; blessed art Thou, O Lord.
In wisdom hast Thou made all things;
Glory to Thee, O Lord, who hast created all! – drawn from Psalm 104

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FROM SANCTUARY TO SERVICE

* HYMN 224

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | ROCKINGHAM

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Nunc dimittis | Alexandre Gretchaninov; arr. by Olaf C. Christiansen
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

* POSTLUDE

Finale on WONDROUS LOVE | arr. by Robert Lind

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., Pastor
The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Kira Stringer, Associate Pastor
Olivia Hudson Smith, Student Intern

Dr. Michael Pohlenz, Director of Music
Jane Ripper, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Sanctuary Choir
Karen Kaufman and Ted Griffith, Head Ushers