



***LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

***Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith  
joined together through Christ, offering meaning and  
hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.***

***10 Simmonsville Rd  
Bluffton, SC 29910***

***Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2021***

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**Celebration of Worship**  
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**Silent Meditation**

Lord Jesus, help me walk with you this day. If you lead me where I fear to go, give me courage and keep me true, that I may bear my cross without shame and live in the promise of life eternal. Amen.

**Prelude**

*Were I the Perfect Child*  
Men's Ensemble

Joseph William Holder

*Yet God, who knows me first and last, who's seen my best, my worst, my past, has shown his love intense and vast by meeting me in Jesus.*

*For Christ, though killed at Calvary by sins like mine and folk like me, has ris'n, forgiv'n and set me free, made fit to follow Jesus.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Chris Herrin

**Call to Worship**

Gray Toulmin

**Leader:** We are invited to journey through this season of Lent

**People:** **towards the One who calls us each by a new name.**

**Leader:** We walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

**People:** **pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.**

**Leader:** We seek to trust the God who surprises us with his love,

**People:** **whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news that is Jesus Christ.**

**Leader:** Let us worship the one who is good news for all!

**\*Hymn #463 (vs. 1, 2, 4)      *How Firm a Foundation***

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.  
We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.  
We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of  
discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish  
desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray and hear now our silent  
confessions.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response:**

Hymn #227

***“Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom,  
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.”***

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in  
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the  
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri # 581**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

Rev. Herrin

**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 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.**

**Special Music**

***The Gospel According to Luke*  
by Skip Ewing and Don Sampson  
Dale Nordby, soloist**

**Hymn #695 (sing twice)      *Change My Heart, O God***

***Refrain:***

***Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true.***

***Change my heart, O God; May I be like You***

***You are the Potter; I am the clay.***

***Mold me and make me; This is what I pray.***

**Scripture Reading**

**Mark 8:31-38**

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**“What are you saving?”**

**Rev. Stephanie Dion**

**\*Hymn #450**

***Be Thou My Vision***

***Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.***

***Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.***

***Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.***

***High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.***

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

***Lobe Den Herren***

**by A. Viner**

***Offerings and Change Can Make a Change donations may be placed in the  
baskets at the back of the sanctuary as you exit at the end of the service.***

***\* Please stand if you are able.***

**Welcome to all who worship today.** All visitors are welcome to LPC, where we seek to love and serve Christ with all that we are and in all that we do. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack, dropping it in the offering baskets as you leave.

**To minimize contact, the ushers will dismiss worshippers by pews beginning** at the back and moving to the front of the sanctuary. We will listen to a portion of the postlude before doing so. Please wait for their direction and maintain safe distances as you continue walking straight through the Narthex to the outside lawn. There you can greet others. Thank you.

**Thank you to Dale Nordby and the Men's Ensemble** for the special music today: Bob Lowry, Dick MacDougal, Jon Nickel and Wim Tekelenburg.

**February Change Can Make A Change is for Souper Bowl of Caring** - All of the money collected here will go to Agape and Bluffton Self Help. Place your donations payable to LPC and marked Souper Bowl of Caring in the offering basket or mail to the church.

**A 3 week New Member Class** will be offered beginning March 14<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5:30pm to be held outside weather permitting or in the Fellowship Hall following safety protocols. It is not necessary to attend all three but doing so is highly recommended. All those considering membership are invited. Information about the PCUSA and our church will be offered, along with faith discussion. Please contact the church, 843-815-6570 or [lpcoffice1@hargray.com](mailto:lpcoffice1@hargray.com) **by March 1st** to sign-up so that we can plan for you. All are welcome!

***Please remember with your prayers:***

Ila Bates

Fran Casperson

Reid Holland

Pat Kershner

Dave Tanner

**The flowers today are to the glory of God given by  
Margaret Hartley in loving memory of her parents and in-laws.**

**Lenten Devotionals: *Steadfast Love*, Inspiration from Henri Nouwen**, are available in the Narthex and outside the church office doors for easy drive-thru pick-up. Provided by the Christian Education Ministry.

**Upper Room Devotionals** for March and April are also available in the Narthex and outside the office doors.

## **Special Lenten Services on Wednesdays at noon**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** Service of Scripture, Prayer and Music

Pre-recorded and available beginning at noon

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** Cantata “Hope in the Shadows”, readings and music  
offered by the Chancel Choir

Pre-recorded and available beginning at noon

Details on Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter to be provided as soon as possible as we continue to monitor Covid and the Vaccination Process.

## **Lenten Prayer Group Thursdays at 8:00am via Zoom!**

Join us for a brief time (about 20 minutes) of prayer and reflection on scripture using lectio divina, an ancient form of meditation, prayer, and scripture reading based on hearing scripture read aloud.

Come when you can and as you are! No preparation required, only a willingness to listen. You don’t even have to have your video on or speak! Please arrive and exit quietly. A Zoom link is sent via e-blast on Fridays.

## **Our sanctuary will again be adorned with spring blooms on Easter Sunday.**

These spring plants are robust and suitable for planting in your garden. We offer 3 varieties of spring flowers, Azaleas, Lilies and Caladium for \$16 each.

Please place your order by March 19th. Place your order form and payment in the Sunday offering or mail it to the church. The plants may be retrieved after Easter Services, April 4th. \*\*Please select an option “Donate” or “Take Plant”. Order forms are available in the Narthex

## **Looking for something to keep you busy while staying at home?**

The Communications Ministry is looking for helpers to create the monthly LPC Newsletter and update our website. No experience is necessary, we can provide training. There will only be a few minor areas of the website to update and you can do it all from your own home. If you would like to help, contact Janit Maguire at: [janitmaguire@gmail.com](mailto:janitmaguire@gmail.com) or 845-527-6409.

**The new cross in our sanctuary** will be present during Lent as an aid in our worship and invitation to reflection and repentance. Following worship those in attendance, after exiting the sanctuary, may return to place written prayers of confession or intercession on nails on the cross, (on slips of paper in the bulletin or to be found on front side pew) being careful to maintain safe distances. Prayers may be added during the week by those who wish to come during office hours. Time of prayer and reflection at the cross is also encouraged. We thank Ron Gemme for constructing the cross to deepen our Lenten journeys.

## **Responding to the Winter Storm**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in communication with Presbyterian leadership on the ground in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. We have offered assistance and assessments will be more accessible as power is restored and things begin to thaw. PDA stands ready to assist. Please join us in praying for safety and warmth.

To support this response, designate gifts for DR000015 on the [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org) website.

**The Worship Team** would like to expand and add more folks to help us plan for worship, to think creatively how to enhance the worship experience, and do hands on work like placing Poinsettias and Easter flowers and putting up Christmas decorations. We need both “dreamers” and “do-ers”. Anyone who is interested could attend a meeting or two (by zoom for now) without committing. If interested or have questions, contact either Debbie Hough, [hougha@bellsouth.net](mailto:hougha@bellsouth.net) or Larry Tremetiere, [ltrem1943@gmail.com](mailto:ltrem1943@gmail.com), elders leading the Worship Team.

**Live-streamed, in-person worship at 10:30am on Sundays** is currently limited to 25 family units, following our protective protocols with mask wearing and social distancing. Members and visitors need to call the church office beginning Monday morning each week. It is appreciated if those needing to cancel do so by Friday at noon so that others may attend.

**Copies of the March Newsletter are available in the Narthex and outside the church office.**

**If you would like to purchase the Sunday flowers**, please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the church office. Flowers can be taken home after worship or donated to be given to members through our Flower Ministry. There are many openings beginning April 11th.

**Sermon Notes:**