

“Lent is a time for grave reflection and forgiveness that leads to reconciliation and Christ-centered joy.”

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jerry Hill (8:00) and Ron Cookson (9:30), Worship Assistant

February 26, 2012

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting One Another

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle. Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)

*Opening Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” 203

*Opening Act of Worship

Leader: Trusting, with the psalmist, that God is truly good and upright, and willing to teach sinners in God’s own ways, let us confess our sins with confidence, seeking God’s instruction.

Leader: Merciful God, forgive us when we stray from Your path and succumb to the temptation of the moment.

People: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your path.

Leader: Forgive us for failing to see every person as one of Your beloved children.

People: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your path.

Leader: Forgive us when we fail to share from the resources we have, when others go hungry for lack of food, or have no place to rest.

People: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your path.

Leader: Forgive us when we hold onto our anger and hurts, failing to forgive as You have forgiven us.

People: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your path.

Leader: Forgive us when we forget to live our lives in a way that shows that You are our God and we are Your people.

People: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your path.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)

Celebrated for

Matthew Nicholas Hanley

Congregational Response:

With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Matthew, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

✠Prayers of the People

✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus” 289
(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)

Offertory Anthem

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The Wesleyan Choir

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

God of mercy and grace, we give these gifts of ourselves, striving to be the obedient children You have called us to be in covenant with You. We are reminded by the example of Christ that there is nothing that this world can tempt us with that can match the satisfaction of being tested and found faithful. In our times of plenty and our times of need, help us keep strong in our conviction that in You and only You can we put our trust for the security of our lives. We pray this in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson I Peter 3:18-22 (p. 858 in the pew Bible)

The Message “**Not Even Death!**” Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn “Come, Thou Almighty King” 61

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If You are visiting our church for the first time, we extend You a special greeting. (Please inform us of Your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite You to enter into our worship

*wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God's Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit!
And after the service, give us a chance to talk with You and invite You back! We look forward to
Your worshipping with us again.*

ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

Altar Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Mother & Grandmother, Vivian Arnone, by John, Vivian & Ashlee Bickley; and also In Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay

Morning Greeters this morning are Gary & Anne Kinsey at the 8:00 service; and Erika Paton at the 9:30 service.

Ushers this morning are Steve & Jennifer Weber at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Isabelle Letham.

Prayer Chain No. 4 is in effect this week. Please call Elmer States, 215-355-0362, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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Worship Services

Traditional

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:00 a.m.

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