



Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025



THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Leader)

In the name of God, who created us and holds us and the whole world in his hands; In the name of the Son who came into the world and reconciles us with God; In the name of the Holy Spirit who fills us with eternal life, who links us with all Christians and incites us to peace, we come together to offer our thanks and praise. Let us worship God.

* HYMN # 420 (Blue Hymnal)

God of Grace and God of Glory

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

inspired by 1 Corinthians

Wondrous God, we confess that we have not listened for your Word as we should. We confess that we have placed obstacles in the way of our neighbors. We are guilty of being proud and arrogant. Forgive us for our foolish and hateful ways. Forgive us for taking your amazing gift of grace for granted. Redirect us, by your Spirit, that we may be your faithful people once again.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Psalm 103:17

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI - *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.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE MORNING PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY - *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 9:1-7, 13-15, 24-25, 34-39

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Those Who See Will Become Blind"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

inspired by 1 John

We believe in God the Father, who reveals his love to us in Christ. We believe in God the Son, who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who teaches us God's truth. We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN # 387 (Blue Hymnal)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*BENEDICTION

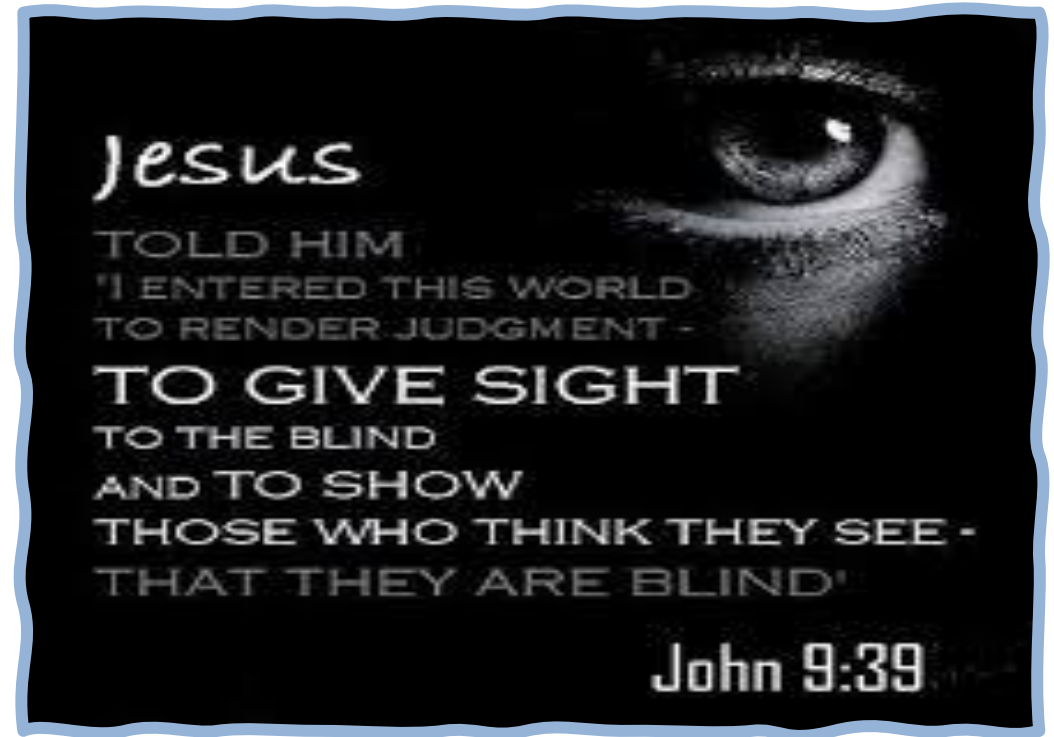
Go in peace, and may the peace of God, which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness, always be with you. Go, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge. You are not alone. God is always with you. AMEN.

POSTLUDE - (*) *We stand as we are able.*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. If you are a visitor here today, please fill out the visitor/prayer card found on the back of the pew. These cards have a place for a prayer request. You may place these cards in the offering plate or hand them to the pastor.
2. 8 Most Significant Words: **"Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"**
3. **#1 Reason to Be at First Pres: Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus.**
4. A new sermon series continues today - "Difficult Sayings of Jesus"
 - March 16 - "Those Who See Will Become Blind"
 - March 23 - "The Kingdom of God Is Within You"
 - March 30 - "Friend, Your Sins Are Forgiven"
 - April 6 - "Whoever Blasphemes Against the Holy Spirit"
 - April 13 - "The Last Shall Be First and The First Shall Be Last"
5. Prayer List:
 - a. Cathy Martin (Biff's sister), who is battling Pancreatic Cancer.
 - b. Ben Reeves (friend of Allen Boyd) is recovering
 - c. Jim Hall (friend of Cokers)
 - d. Rodney Bennett's mother (Betty Driggers) who is under hospice care.
 - e. Melissa Hughes (niece of Marlene Mathis) who had breast cancer that has spread to her bones. She will begin radiation. Pray for healing so this mother will be able to see her young children grow up).
 - f. Mary Catherine Mullin (Friend of Hillary Smith) who recently lost a child.
6. Our fellowship luncheon is next Sunday, March 23rd after worship.
7. Join us on Palm Sunday (April 13th) for a traditional worship service followed by our monthly fellowship luncheon and Easter Egg hunt.
8. Emily Henderson will marry Tyler Evans on April 5, 2025 in Moultrie. The Church has received an invitation for everyone to attend.
9. Take a few minutes to go to the educational building and see the bulletin board with all of Biff's "misfit" bulletins.



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