MARCH 24, 2019

NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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LARGE FORMAT BULLETIN

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MARCH 24, 2019 8:30 A.M. & 11 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Personal Preparation for Worship

Holy God, it is easy to forget that we find joy not in seeking happiness, but in seeking You; we discover joy in true and righteous living. This Lent, remind us of the power provided for us in the Spirit, and call us back to faith. Help us experience the true joy of Christian discipleship. May we find it in times of personal prayer, devotion, and study; in relationships with our friends; and in our concern for and service toward our neighbors. And may we reach out to those who are undergoing times of difficulty and despair. May we help lift them out of the bondage of joylessness so that we might together partake of your grace. For it is in Christ that we pray. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

Opening Voluntary 3. Prière à Notre-Dame" Lèon Boëllmann

The ushers will collect prayer concern cards during the voluntary.

✞ **Responsive Call to Worship**

O God, You alone are our God and our souls thirst for You.
Even as those who live in a dry and weary land.
We seek You in Your sanctuary to behold Your power and glory.
Your steadfast love is better than life.
We will praise You as long as we live and call upon Your name!
Your steadfast love is better than life and we gather to praise You!
Let us worship God.

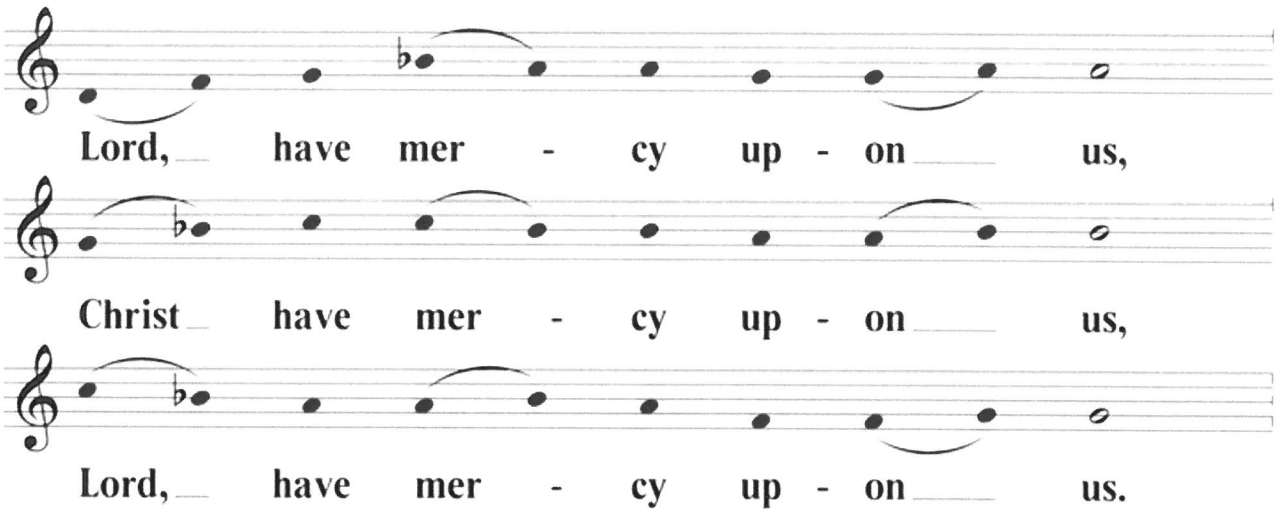
✞ **Hymn 41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"** LYONS

✞ **Call to Confession and Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, You have planted us in the vineyard of Your grace and watered us with the refreshing power of Your Holy Spirit; and yet we confess our failure to bear the fruit of the Spirit. Our love is often self-serving and our joys seldom run deep. We have failed to make peace with each other and missed the opportunities for simple acts of kindness. Called to be faithful we have been faithless. Asked to be generous we have carefully guarded the limits of our generosity. Heavenly Father please be patient with us. Bear with us that we may eventually bear fruit for You. Please hear our personal confessions in these moments of silent prayer…

-Silent Personal Prayer-

✞ **Kyrie**



✞ **Assurance of Pardon**

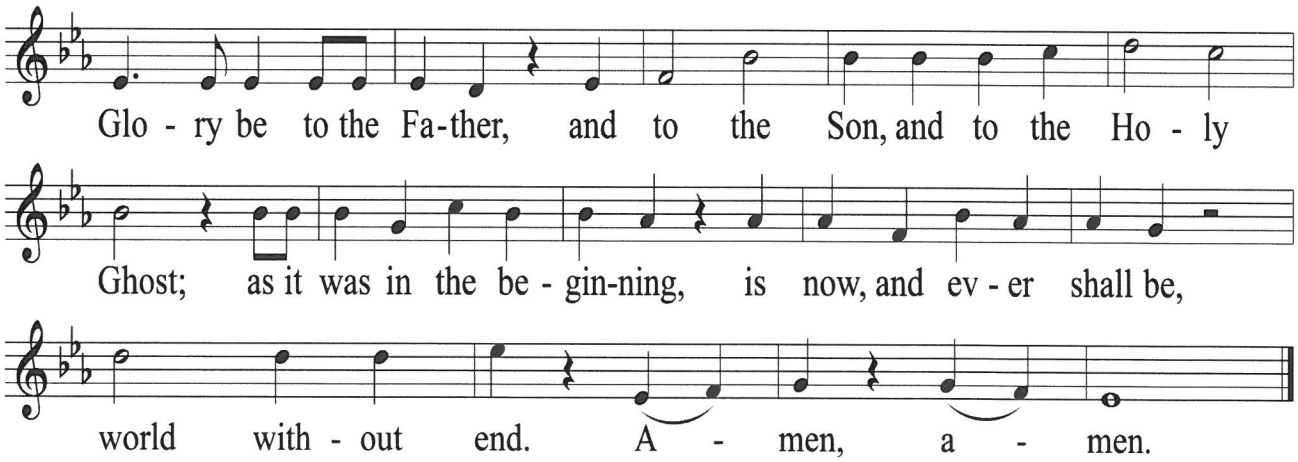
Behold, the dwelling of God is with men and women. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more.

Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying nor pain any more – for the former things have passed away.

And the One who sat upon the throne said: "Behold I make all things new." Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

✞ **Gloria Patri**



✞ **Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As Christ shared His peace with us let us share Christ's peace with one another.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55:1-9 (O.T. p.685)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem 11:00 "Zum Sanctus" Franz Schubert
Will Ash, baritone saxophonist

Time with Young Disciples 11:00
(*Children who are kindergarten age or younger are invited to go to extended care with Cynthia Petty.*)

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9 (N.T. p.76)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Where Fruit is Found"** Pastor Heppenstall
Text: "I have come looking for fruit ..." Luke 13:7

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✞ **Hymn 712** **"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"** FOREST GREEN

✞ **Affirmation of Faith** (from Philippians 2)

"Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen."

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

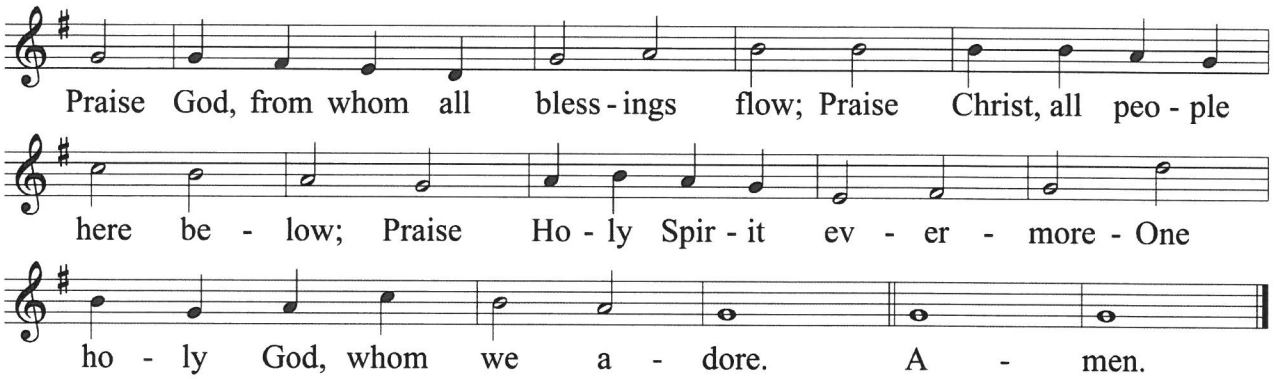
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Offering

Offertory "God of All Righteousness, Hear When I Pray" Bryan Page

✞ Doxology



✞ Prayer of Dedication

✞ **Hymn 821** **"My Life Flows On"** HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

SENDING

✞ **Charge and Benediction**

Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Closing Voluntary 4. "Toccata" Lèon Boëllmann

(✞ Congregation stands)

We welcome Jacob Hord as our guest organist today.

The lay readers are Laurie Bret (8:30) and Linda Hale Buchanan (11:00).

The ushers are Gary & Kathi Sommerfelt (8:30) and Lily & James Binford, Susan Roe Jernigan, and Susan McGinnis (11:00).

Welcome to Worship at Northridge Church!

Welcome to worship at Northridge! We are blessed by your presence with us and pray that in a deep and abiding way the power and presence of the living God will touch your life as you are with us this morning. The Northridge sanctuary is a place set apart for Christian Worship. Please take a moment to turn off cell phones and pagers. Once the hour has been chimed we ask you to bring your conversations to a close and quietly seek God's presence.

Praying Together at Northridge:

If you are aware of anyone who is hospitalized or is in need of special care from our pastors or lay leaders, please let the Northridge office know.
In addition to our Shared Joys and Concerns please pray for:
Areas of Ministry: Youth Director Search Team.
Local Missions: Seeds of Hope Community Garden.
Presbyterians in National Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing.

Serving in Worship Today:

Our lay readers are: Laurie Bret at 8:30 and Linda Hale Buchanan at 11 am.
Our ushers are : Kathi & Gary Sommerfelt at 8:30 and Lily & James Binford, Susan Roe Jernigan, and Susan McGinnis at 11 am.
We welcome Jacob Hord today at the organ.

This Week at Northridge:

Sunday, March 24th
3:00 pm Peter's Walk – youth group
4:00 pm Children's Choirs
5:30 pm Handbell Choir

Monday, March 25th
1:30 pm Joyful Noise - CC Young

Tuesday, March 26th
7:30 am Bible Study in Quillin Hall
7:00 pm Session meets in Quillin Hall

Wednesday March 27th
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Adult Ed. Sub-Committee meets - QH

Thursday, March 28th
7:00 pm Lenten Book Study at the Jones' home

Friday, March 29th
Youth participants depart for YouthQuake

Next Sunday, March 31st
8:30 and 11 am Worship
Pastor Heppenstall will Preach.
Luke Through Lent Part 4: "A Persistent Love"
Text: "Until he finds it…" Luke15:4

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HOW TO JOIN NORTHRIDGE

There are three ways for you to join this church. If you have never before joined any church, you can "profess your faith" in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior; and if you were not baptized as an infant, you will be baptized upon your profession. If you have previously been a member of another church, but have not been active in a while, you can join by "re-affirming your faith" in Christ. If you are an active member of another congregation, you can join Northridge by "transferring your letter" of membership. We accept any previous Christian baptism, and do not re-baptize anyone. Speak to the pastor after worship about arranging a date to meet with the church officers.