

The Service For The Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 2, 2008

Gathering And Greeting Of God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Praise Chorus

"I Sing Praises"

Terry Mccalmon

Led by Lauren Rowan

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we shall want for nothing.

God leads us along peaceful paths, restoring our souls.

Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil.

For the Good Shepherd walks with us day and night.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of our lives.

We will dwell in the house of the Holy God all our life long.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

*Hymn #57

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Azmon

*Call to Confession

When we are in bondage, God offers to set us free. When we are poor, God in Christ identifies with us and offers us riches money cannot buy. When we are lonely and discouraged, the Holy Spirit is our Comforter, pointing us beyond ourselves. Everyone who calls on God, our Creator and Redeemer, for help will be saved. Let us together seek the healing only Christ can provide.

*Prayer of Confession

God, our comforter and guide, we confess what comes between us and you. We have been blind to the faults in ourselves that we so readily detect in others. prizing appearance and credentials, and failing to see the heart; rushing headlong into temptation, without thought for what is right; keeping secret what would shame us, if it were known; denying truths voiced by people we disdain. God of light, expose to us our sin, that we may confess it and turn from it, and so live in the light of your forgiveness and love. Amen.

Lord have mercy upon us,

Christ have mercy upon us,

Lord have mercy upon us.

Kyrie

Methodist Hymnal 482

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

**The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross

that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, your are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

Methodist Hymnal 70

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

Anthem

"At the Name of Jesus"

Cindy Berry

Chancel Choir

THE WORD

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-41

Beth Howe – Christiansen

Meditation

Beyond Blindness

Rev. Marc Sherrod, ThD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from: *"A Brief Statement of Faith"*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering **“Close to Thee”** Franklin Ritter

Offertory Response #587 **“Bless Thou the Gifts”** Samuel Longfellow
 Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
 bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
 Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O Lord is in thy hand.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #382 **“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”** Adelaide
 1,2,3

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer Methodist Hymnal Page13
Breaking the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn #384 **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** Beecher

*Charge & Blessing

*Choir Response **“El Shaddai”** El Shaddai

*Postlude **“For the Healing of the Nations”** WM Rhondda

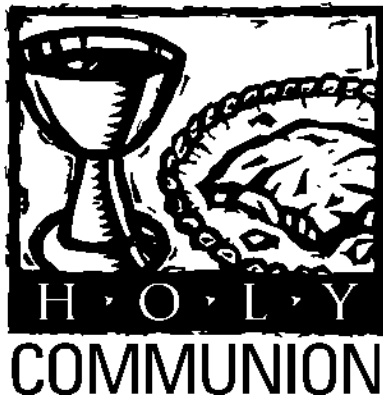
Ministers will be on the chancel after the service to receive personal prayer requests.

*All who are able please stand.

The flowers today have been placed by **Joanna Griffith and Jennifer Griffith Langham** in honor of their parents, **Gary and Dianne**, who celebrate their birthdays this month.

SERVICES OF ECUMENICAL WORSHIP KINGSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH and BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*~ two communities of faith coming together,
for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~*



TO OUR GUESTS, we extend a warm welcome from Kingston United Methodist and Bethel Presbyterian Churches. We have covenanted together for 2008 to share in worship, fellowship, study and service. We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders (Green for Methodist – Blue for Presbyterian), adding your address and phone number and please note if you would like to receive a church newsletter or a pastoral call. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."; prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks, please put those in the offering plates and both churches will be notified of your request. A team of Pastors will be available to pray with you after worship (in the front chancel area). We are glad you are with us. Please worship with us again!

Kingston United Methodist Church

Pastor: Rev. Donald Morris
Congregational Care: Rev. Sue Lynn Johnson
Program Director: Regina Little
Music Ministry: Wayne Duggin
Worship Leader: Kingston UMC

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Minister: Rev. Marc Sherrod
Parish Associate: Rev. Pat Harvey
Parish Nurse: Debbie Hyder
Music Ministry: Laura Walker
Music Ministry: Marilyn Gaffin

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events This Week

Today	03.02.08	Worship at KUMC Children's Choir Practice at KUMC Annex Fellowship Breakfast Worship-Communion Lenten Series	8:30 A.M. 8:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 6:30 P.M.
Monday	Mar 03	Seniorcize Spanish Class/ Kingston Library	9:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday	Mar 04		
Wednesday	Mar 05	Seniorcize Bell Choir Practice Spanish Class/Kingston Library Choir Practice	9:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.
Thursday	Mar 06		
Friday	Mar 07	Seniorcize	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	Mar 08		
Sunday	Mar 09	Worship at KUMC Children's Choir Practice at KUMC Annex Sunday School Worship	8:30 A.M. 8:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.

The devotional books, *These Days*, are available for you on the narthex.

Bethel Church Announcements

Rev. Sherrod will be in Atlanta this week grading ordination exams on behalf of Presbyterian USA

A very special thanks to all who participated in the Grace Ministries presentation and luncheon last week. The total love offering was over \$3200.00.

Weekly Blood Pressure

Blood pressures are being taken between 9:30 am and 10:30 am every Sunday morning. The blood pressure station is to the right of the "breeze way" next to the KUMC office. If you would like to volunteer to help take blood pressures, please call Deb Hyder, at 376-6340.

Hospital

Methodist Oak Ridge.....Madge Benfield
Baptist West..... Shirley Lampkins

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Jamestown 851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763

Louise Pickel.....Room 209
Mac Robbins..... Room 305
Anne Smith..... Room 312

Wellington Place 1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763

Joan Pemberton..... Room 306B
Jan Parker..... Room 107

Baptist Healthcare 700 Willaims Ferry Rd#45 Lenior City 37771

Evelyn Waldrup..... Room 42

Rockwood Healthcare 5580 Roane State Hwy Harriman 37748

Roberta Cash.....Room 132B
Margaret True..... Room 212B
Gene Pierce..... Room 356A

Harriman Healthcare 240 Hannah Rd Harriman 37748

Ruby Hunter.....Room 305A
Shirley Lumpkins..... Room 602

NHC Oakridge 300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge 37830

Louise Pickel.....Room 212

Home

Doris Barber, Dot and Al Davis, Anne Robertson, Marci Smith, Tom and Helen Roostee, Marnie Shields, Carolyn Tulley, Edith Miles

Prayer Concern

If you have a *Prayer Request*, fill out a Prayer Card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a concern you want mentioned in Worship, please contact one of the pastors or see them before the worship service. You may also place a Prayer Card (by 10:15) in the *Prayer Request Box* on Bethel's table in the Narthex

Bethel Church Looking Ahead

A New Vision For A New Day

Loaves & Fishes, 2008 Experience, sponsored by

The Presbytery of East Tennessee will be April 4-5, 2008, at Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, TN. Workshops, Music, Fellowship, something for everyone. Registration booklets available in the church office & narthex

Youth Summit

This year the Youth Summit will be March 7-9 in Gatlinburg.
See Greg Murr for details.

Lake Hills Presbyterian Church Enrichment Dinner

March 9, 2008

6:00 p.m. Dinner (catered by The Entertainer) RSVP Only

7:30 p.m. Tony Compolo - Guest Speaker

Reservations by March 3, 2008

More Information? Call Cheryl Child at 865-577-8510

Spring Forward -Annual PW Gathering

April 25, 2008 10:00 a.m.

Mark you calendars for the Annual Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of East Tennessee. This years event will be on April 25, 2008 10:00 a.m. at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville

John Knox Camp Summer Camp Nurse Needed

This position is available June 1, 2008 to August 1, 2008 and includes private housing in renovated accommodations, meals (while camp is in session), and a competitive stipend. Please contact JKC at 865-376-2236. In addition: John Knox Summer Camp Brochures are available in the church office!

DVD of Grace School Available on Bethel Website

You can view a new DVD about Grace School at [www:bethel.org](http://www.bethel.org)
See the story of Hope and Grace!