

Third Sunday in Lent
SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Trinity

Greeting and Announcements

J. R. Barnes

Prelude

WE WORSHIP GOD

†Call to Worship

By grace we have been saved through faith,
and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God—
not the result of works; we have nothing to brag about.
**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only
begotten Son, that whoever believes in him
shall not perish, but have everlasting life.**
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

†Opening Hymn #

†Opening Prayer (unison)

**Lord, you have gathered us here to encourage
one another, to hear the truth, and to express
gratitude. May your Holy Spirit help us to listen
and to respond with renewed commitment to
the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Call to Confession

Rev. Wayne McLaughlin

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O Lord, if I have been arrogant or greedy
or have been moved by lust,
I am sorry. Please forgive me.
If I have been envious of someone else
or have been moved by gluttony,
I am sorry. Please forgive me.
If I have let anger get hold of me,
or if I have given in to laziness,
I am sorry. Please forgive me.
Lord, heal me of these poisons.
I pray in the name of Christ our Lord.
~ silent prayers of confession ~ **Amen.****

Kyrie Eleison

Hymn #551

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

†Act of Praise #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Pat Carr

Prayer for Illumination

J. R. Barnes

Let us pray. O Lord, open the ears of our heart, so that we
may hear not only the words of Scripture, but their meaning for
us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: John 3: 14-21

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Snake and the Cross” Rev. Wayne McLaughlin

†Hymn #

†Affirmation of Faith (The Confession of 1967 - 9.53-55)

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces all of
human life: social and cultural, economic and political,
scientific and technological, individual and corporate.
It includes our natural environment as exploited and
despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the divine purpose
for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ
and all evil be banished from creation. Already God's reign
is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in us and
preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and
redemption.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offertory

Offering

†The Doxology

Hymn #606

**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 Dedication

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

†Closing Hymn #

†Charge

†Benediction

†Postlude

†All who are able may stand.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

LISTENING POST will be held today following worship for the purpose of updating/sharing information about Chapel's future.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER on March 14th is at 5:30pm with *Roast Beef & gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, roll and dessert.*

CANDY DONATIONS are requested for the Easter Egg Hunt that will take place on Wednesday, March 21st at 5:30pm (dinner will follow at 6pm). Please bring your candy by March 14th so the eggs can be stuffed that evening. Thank you!!!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL/PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES AT OAKMONT CHURCH

· **Monday Mornings at 8:00** and **Thursdays at Noon** devotional opportunities throughout Lent. **Free sandwich lunch on Thursdays!**

· **Monday-Friday 8am - 6pm**, you are encouraged to visit the Chapel in **Parlor B** at any time during 8am - 6pm to *“come away”* from the busyness of your day and **intentionally focus** a few moments in prayer and praise. We have many concerns for our own personal lives and spiritual growth as well as the future of our church and nation. Let's commit to pray during these days of Lent and ask God to reveal Himself to us in a powerful way! **Please plan to take advantage of these special opportunities to grow closer to God and worship with brothers and sisters in Christ.**

THE SESSION

Moderator – Ben Acton	Treasurer – Janet Barnes	
Clerk of Session – Sheldon Eller	Historian – Virginia Wilson	
Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Sheldon Eller	J. R. Barnes, Worship	Jim Johnston, Personnel
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LAY LEADERS THIS MORNING

Lay Reader: J. R. Barnes
Ushers: Brian Massengale, TBD
Worship Greeter: Cathryn Daniel

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Chapel Family: Mary Cranston; Susan Hauswirth; Helen Kieran; Tom Lutz; Nancy Meffert.
Chapel Friends: Janie Ailshie (Linda Chavies); Sara Alford (Linda Chavies); Doris Bice (Carolyn Bice); Barbara Burton (Pat Carr); Ann Byrd (Ron Snell); David Carr (John Carr); Paul Hayden (Pat Carr); Bobby Holman & Family (Linda Ifashina); Nancy May (Sheldon Eller); Judy Hicks (Nancy Meffert's sister); Amber Taylor (Linda Mayes); Cliff & Joan Travis (Ann Sirles).

~ **Financial Information** ~
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CHRIST IS ALIVE!