

Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church, PC(USA)

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Third Sunday in Lent March 7, 2010 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 102:1-2, 17-22

*SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE

“The Song of Jabez”

(chorus)

**Lord, that You would bless me indeed
And enlarge my territory
That Your hand would be with me
That You would keep my heart from evil, Amen**

Bless me Lord, Bless me Lord

So that I might be, A blessing to this world

“The Song Jabez” words & music by Paul Baloche

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“Counting On God”

Verse – I'm in a fight not physical

And I'm in a war, but not with this world

You are the light that's beautiful

And I want more, I want all that's Yours

Chorus –

**Joy unspeakable that won't go away
Just enough strength to live for today
So, I never have to worry what tomorrow will bring
'Cause my faith is on solid rock, I'm counting on God
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God,
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God,
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God**

Repeat verse and chorus –

Bridge –

And the miracle of Christ in me

Is the mystery that sets me free

I'm nothing like I used to be,

Just open up your eyes, you'll see

That the miracle of Christ in me

Is the mystery that sets me free

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Chorus –

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I'm counting on, I'm counting on God,

I'm counting on, I'm counting on God

I'm counting on, I'm counting on God,

I'm counting on, I'm counting on God *Repeat –*

“Counting on God” Words & music by Jared Anderson

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“Here I Am To Worship”

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore you

Hope of a life spent with You

(chorus)

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the Earth

You created all for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

“Here I Am To Worship” words & music by Tim Hughes

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***PRAYER**

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 13 NT pg 166

GREETINGS IN CHRIST *Please sign the Friendship Pads*

Leader – The peace Christ be with you.

People – **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE One Great Hour

During the Children's Time, personal prayer requests will be collected. Please use the slips of paper in the pew racks or bring your requests already written. Please sign your name to the request.

SERMON TEXT John 3:1-21, 35-36 NT pg 88

MESSAGE

HYMN #2 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

RECEIVING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

Offertory "Above All"

Verse

**Above all powers, above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began**

**Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth**

Chorus

**Crucified, laid behind a stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me, Above all**

"Above All" words & music by Lenny LeBlanc & Paul Baloche

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***DOXOLOGY #625**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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.

RECEIVING THE CROSS

Hymn #304

"Lift High the Cross"

Scripture Reading Colossians 2:6-16 NT pg 192

***BENEDICTION**

**Those that are able, please stand*

WELCOME to Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church – we extend to you our hand in greeting. We pray God's blessing to you this upcoming week. If you have no congregational home in this area, we invite you to consider Bell Memorial. Please help us by signing your name and address to the registers found on the end of the pews.

GREETING this morning are Jim and Cindy Lokey in the Narthex and Beth and Wayne Duncan at the rear door. Extending the hand of fellowship at the close of the service are elders Paul McConahy in the Narthex and Don Hairhoger at the rear door.

CRY ROOM – NURSERY – JUNIOR CHURCH:

- A Cry Room for infants through age 2 is available in the room off the sanctuary.
- Nursery care for all children age 3 through Pre-K is available in the Nursery (down the hall from the library) with Katie Longbrake as the attendant.
- Junior Church for all children Kindergarten through 2nd grade is provided in the art room upstairs with Laura Falen serving as the leader.

TODAY is Youth Sunday – remember that all loose coins in today’s offering plates will go to the Youth Fund which supports our Youth Group and special Funday School activities.

Today -

WE will receive the Unity Cross from Wurtemberg Presbyterian Church. Next Sunday the Cross will be taken to the Free Methodist Church.

This Week in Our Church -

THE Volleyball Team will play this Monday, March 8th at 6:30 pm against the Wurtemberg Methodist Church.

MEN’S Prayer Breakfast will meet on Saturday, March 13th at 8 AM at the Wolverine Restaurant.

LEARN to knit on Saturday, March 13th from 1-3 PM, for anyone in the 4th grade and older. Questions see Peggy Petrak or Lorraine Ranchod.

Next Sunday -

THERE will be a prayer service at 5 PM in the church sanctuary. Come and offer your prayers to God together during this Lenten Season.

ELDERS – reminder of the book study at 4 PM – read chapters 5, 6 and 7.

News & Notes -

KNOWN to be hospitalized –

Bill Dunstan – St. Elisabeth’s Rehab

Delaney Craig – Children’s Hospital, Pgh.

NOTES of thanks –

Carpenter’s Spaghetti Dinner

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – if you would like to place flowers on Sunday mornings see Debbie Freshcorn. All Sundays are open (none have been reserved from past years) – the cost is \$38 for the two vases.

Opportunities -

One Great Hour of Sharing

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. (27)

(Matthew 25:40)

In this passage, Jesus equates two groups of people: “the least of these” and “those who are members of my family.” Jesus declares that those who are without food, clothing, good health, or a place to call home are not just people in need, but our sisters and brothers. These strangers and have-nots of the world are the people most beloved by Jesus. This begs the question of how we respond to those who are strangers to us yet are most dear to Jesus.

Faith and Action

Because we have been equipped by God, we have the resources to connect with people who are currently strangers, but whom we will soon recognize as brothers and sisters in Christ. As donations go to provide housing or food through One Great Hour of Sharing, we will see a transformation of those around us from the hurting unknown to beloved neighbor.

DON’T forget your Challenge – \$5 for 5.

DID you get your “One Great Hour of Sharing” fish? Extras can be found by the doors. Also, giving envelopes will be available.

HOW many miles have you traveled to Haiti?

MEXICO SHOE DRIVE – it is that time again. During the month of March we will be collecting NEW children’s shoes (sizes infant to 12) for the kids in Peadres Negras, Mexico. Boxes will be placed outside the church office. Thank you for supporting the Children of Mexico. If you have any questions, please see Bob Kastroll.

NURSERY attendants needed! See the signup sheet in the church office or talk to Charlene Kennedy.

FOOD BANK collection –
March – Pasta and sauce
All ways in need – toilet tissue

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS Elders for the week of:

March 7 th	Bill Partridge
March 14 th	Mervin Rice
March 21 st	Walt Freson
March 28 th	Edwin Marshall

Please contact the church office or an elder so that we know when a family member is in the hospital.

APPLICATIONS for a mission trip to Mexico, June 27 – July 3 are available in the church office. The application and your \$100 deposit are due to First Presbyterian Sharon by March 15th. Funds are available to help pay for the trip, see Walt Freson if questions.

WHERE is God asking you to serve? We encourage you to pray for God's guidance about what role you can play in God's mission here at Bell Memorial. Maybe it is serving on a Team or helping with Sunday School. Talk to an elder or Pastor Derek about the various ways you can serve.

CARPENTER'S Project is now accepting requests from homeowners for work – must own home and live in it and must live in the Ellwood City or Riverside School districts. Work is limited to – painting, shrub trimming, minor brush removal, minor cement work, window repair/caulking/glazing, minor carpentry jobs, powerwashing, demolition not larger than a garage. To make a request call Beth and Jack Andrews at 724-752-5911.

ELLWOOD City Rotary will host the AARP Driver Safety Program on Tuesday, April 6th and Wednesday April 7th from 1-5 PM at the Ellwood City Wellness Center. The program is for drivers 50+ and involves no driving or tests. Can possibly save 5% on your auto insurance. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Contact Gail Blakeley gail2@zoominternet.net with questions.

Looking Ahead -

SENECA Hills Summer Camp applications are available. Limited funds are available to help pay to send your child to summer camp. Please let the church office know if your child is planning to attend summer camp.

Night at the Museum

The Funday School children and youth will present a “Night at the Museum” on Saturday, March 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. They will have interactive exhibits about the Life of Jesus. We have a museum store and a snack store too! Admission will be a free will offering. All proceeds will go toward the Benevolence Fund. Please come and support their hard work. This is a great way to prepare for Easter!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you are able to crochet or knit, please sign up to make a prayer shawl. We will be having a Blessing Service on April 11 to bless all of our prayer shawls that will be given to people in need. If you need yarn, please check in the Rubbermaid container by the clothes rack. Patterns and extra yarn are available for knitting or crocheting. Join us in the first two pews as we knit or crochet our prayer shawls during the service. Sign up for our “learn to knit or crochet class” on March 13!

PLEASE NOTE date change – the Youth Group Winter Retreat will be March 19th – 21st.

ATTENTION PIRATE FANS – Our trip to the game is Saturday, May 22nd. The cost is \$20 and that includes transportation. More details to come. If you have any questions, please see Bob or Noah Kastroll.

CHECK out the bulletin boards outside of the office to get information on area activities.

“Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church is a Christian mission center in which all members are missionaries, grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, and share in God’s mission in the world.”

Members of the Praise Team include: Mindy & Randy Wilson, Lisa Caldwell, Brandi Lemus, Jennifer Craig, Rachel Evrard, and John Franzen; Guitarists, Lee Caldwell, Adam Stauber, Joe Caldwell and Dave Caccia; and Percussionist Rick Fleischer.

GENERAL ACCOUNT (running balance for 2010):

January Balance	\$ 3,138.49
February Receipts	12,438.89
February Expenses	11,948.63
February Balance	\$ 3,628.75

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH:

- Today
 - 9:00 am – Praise Team Practice
 - 9:30 am – Breakfast
 - 9:45 am – Funday/Sunday School
 - 11:00 am – Worship
 - 12:00 pm – Receive Unity Cross
 - 6:00 pm – Praise Team Practice
- Monday
 - 10:00 am – Prayer Group
 - 6:00 pm – Brownies/Girl Scouts
 - 6:30 pm - Volleyball
- Saturday
 - 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast
 - 1:00 pm – Learn to Knit