

Second Reformed Church

Of New Brunswick



**100 College Avenue
New Brunswick, New Jersey**

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
March 3, 2013
Lent 3 / Communion Sunday

GOD CALLS US OUT OF THE WORLD INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE A Lenten Meditation J. Ramsey
INTROIT "There is a Redeemer" (Vs. 1 only) Green Hymnal #145
VOTUM / SALUTATION

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, creator of heaven and earth.
Grace to you and peace from God, our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***PEACE** Jesus said: "Peace be with you. My peace I give to you."
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let's stand and share a sign of peace with each other.

***HYMN** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Hymnal #303
[*Please stand as you are able.]

CALL TO RENEWAL *The Liturgy of the RCA*

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, we propose to celebrate together, with the help of God, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper this Lord's Day. We come to the Table to commune with our Lord. We come in awe and reverence, for the place where we stand is holy ground. Here the Lord offers us the manna of life. If we are to experience this celebration with our Lord and be nourished by the Spirit, let us examine ourselves first, then eat the bread and drink from the cup. The benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the Lord's Supper. Let us acknowledge our sin before our merciful God, with full intention of amending our lives. Let us make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done to others. Let us forgive those who have offended us, as we ourselves have been forgiven. All children of the covenant, be reconciled with one another and then come joyfully to the banquet, so that you may experience assurance of God's pardon, and strengthening of your faith.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Holy God, in the light of your holiness we see ourselves as we really are, and we are ashamed. We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips; we think too highly of ourselves and too little of others. We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world that we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above. Our feet follow the paths of sin; we wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness. Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life. Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy; not because we are worthy but because you are gracious. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN "O Lamb of God Most Holy" (Vs. 1 and Refrain) Hymnal #82
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE --Romans 5:8, I Peter 2:24

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. ... we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal #356
CALL TO FAITHFUL LIVING *Exodus 20*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; **You shall have no other gods before me.**
You shall not make for yourself an idol;

You shall not bow down to them or worship them;
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God;
Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
Honor your father and your mother; **You shall not murder.**
You shall not commit adultery. **You shall not steal.**
You shall not testify falsely against your neighbor.
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOD COMES TO US IN WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lift up your hearts. **Let us lift them to the Lord our God.** Eternal God, through the life, death and resurrection of your Son your kingdom has broken into our troubled world. Help us now to hear your Word, and give us grace to respond in faithful obedience, that our lives might be signs of the new life given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord from Isaiah 55.1-9. Bible pg. 671
Pardon is promised to all who come to the Lord.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 13.1-9 Bible pg. 950
The parable of the Fig Tree.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Lie of Justice" Rev. Shepler

PRAYER FOR BLESSING

***HYMN**

"O for a Closer Walk with God"

Hymnal #396

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal #579

GIVING OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM / OFFERTORY

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

A. Lovelace

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #592

HOLY COMMUNION

The Liturgy of the RCA

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.** By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him. **We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.** In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly Bread that strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit. **We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the**

feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in his glory. Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Green Hymnal 250

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

(Inside rear cover of Green Hymnal)

GOD SENDS US INTO MISSION

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be you're name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Hymnal #282

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Is Love"

Green Hymnal #137

*CHARGE / BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I Will Sing the Wondrous Cross

G. Young

WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Sunday: 7:00 am Del Dios Vivo Church Worship
10:00 am English Worship 11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am Korean Service
5:00 pm Del Dios Vivo Church Worship
Tuesday: 6-8:30 pm Soup & Cinema

HELPING YOU THIS MORNING

Coffee Hour: **The Chibbaro Family** Ushers: **Greater Consistory Members**

MISSIONS COOKIE SALE ~ Proceeds from the February 17th cookie sale total \$267. All proceeds benefit the missions' budget. Thank you to all the bakers and buyers!

TUESDAY EVENING SOUP & CINEMA – We will be meeting every Tuesday evening during Lent beginning February 20 at 6 – 8:30 pm to share soup and a movie. A sign-up sheet for soup is on the bulletin board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

~March 3-9 FISH Shelter
~March 10 Everyone's Coffee Hour
~March 10-16 Men Winter Shelter
~March 10 Ann Hays preaching – Rev Shepler at retreat in NY
~March 13 Consistory Meeting
~ March 17 Kiwanis visit/Special Coffee hour hosted by the **Kathleen & Tom Williamson**
~March 20 Five Loaves Food Delivery
~March 24 Palm / Passion Sunday/Last day to order Easter plants
~March 28 Maundy Thursday Seder with Communion
~March 29 Good Friday – Noon Passion readings with Service of Healing prayer
~March 31 Easter Sunday – Special Coffee Hour hosted by **Ellie & Walt Holz**
~April 20 Spring Consistory Retreat Pancake breakfast 8am – Noon



EASTER PLANT ORDER FORMS

Forms are located on the tables in the foyers. Last day to order is Sunday, March 24th.

Flowers in church today were given by
Helen Pallay in memory of her father, John Mate.

THRIFT STORE NEWS - The Thrift Store has been producing up to \$75 per week in sales. The shop is only open Saturdays from noon till 6pm. All proceeds from the shop go back into the purchase of food for the food pantry. The shop carries clothing for all sizes, sexes and ages. Plus, there is jewelry, accessories, kitchen items, toys, games, books, and shoes. Volunteers are needed to sort through bags of donated goods and then to price and shelve the items. Please contact Jacqueline Stagg if you are

interested in helping. Free clothing is made available through the food pantry ministry – there is always an over-abundance of clothing to be made available. Contributions of goods are welcome – but we suggest that you contact Jacqueline before leaving the items at the church.

INCLEMENT WEATHER- If we are cancelling Sunday worship service, a message will be on the answering machine no later than 8 am Sunday morning. Please also check your emails. When in doubt, call the church office with the most latest updates. We are looking to simplify things. Therefore, we will be using the phone number listed in the most recent church telephone directory listed for you. If there are any changes, please let Kathy know in the church office.

BENEVOLENT SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month we will be collecting for missions. Currently, we do not have a budget for any mission monies to be used for ministries. Envelopes will be available on the foyer tables or please write in the memo section of your check, “Benevolent Sunday”. We will not be collecting on the 1st Sunday of the month in *March, November or December*. Instead, there will be special (holiday) designated collections. More details to come.