

Second Reformed Church

Of New Brunswick



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

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 17, 2013 Lent 5

*Welcome guests, we were expecting you! We are glad you have come to worship with us today. So please sit back now and relax.
Worship begins best out of a prayerful spirit. Let's begin our service of worship in silent prayer.*

PREPARATORY PRAYER

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOD CALLS US INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Supplication

A. Dvorak

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

--Psalm 86: 11-12

One: Teach me your way O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

All: **Give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

***HYMN**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Hymnal #288

[*Please stand as you are able.]

CALL TO SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Almighty God, we come seeking your light and truth, yet scripture and experience teach us that we are people of darkness, prone to deceit. In the light of your holiness, help us to see ourselves as we are. Unmask our disguises; pierce our pretense. Help us to stand before you naked, but unafraid, trusting not in ourselves, but solely in the power of your love to cover all our offenses and to clothe us in the righteousness of Christ.

HYMN

"O Lamb of God Most Holy" (Vs. 1 and Refrain)

Hymnal #82

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

-- from 2 Corinthians 5:17-18a

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away; everything has become new! All this is from God who has reconciled us to himself through Christ. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Therefore, in Christ we stand forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO FAITHFUL LIVING

Matthew 22

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”** This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
And so let us live.

*HYMN

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymnal #379

GOD COMES TO US IN WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lift up your hearts. **Let us lift them to the Lord our God.**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord from Isaiah 43:16–21 *Pew Bible pg. 658*

Do not remember the former things, for God is about to do a new thing.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 12:1–8 *Pew Bible pg. 980*

Mary anoints Jesus’ feet with a costly perfume, preparing him for burial.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Lie of Scarcity”

Rev. Shepler

PRAYER FOR BLESSING

*HYMN

“Jesus Priceless Treasure”

Hymnal #365

*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

GIVING OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM / OFFERTORY

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

arr. D. Wells

*DOXOLOGY

*THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Lord in your mercy...Hear our Prayer."

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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

*HYMN

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Green Hymnal #130

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Is Love"

Green Hymnal #137

*CHARGE / BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Whate're My God Ordains is Right

J. Pachelbel

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 – “Baptists at Our BBQ”

HELPING YOU THIS MORNING

Coffee Hour: **Kathleen & Tom Williamson** Ushers: **Greater Consistory**

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 17 Kiwanis visit/Special Coffee hour hosted by
Kathleen & Tom Williamson
~March 20 Five Loaves Food Delivery
~March 24 Palm Sunday/Last day to order Easter plants
~March 28 Maundy Thursday Seder with Communion –
Signup sheet on bulletin board
~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
~April 21 RU ½ Marathon – Roads Closed – look for parking permits



EASTER PLANT ORDER FORMS - Next Sunday is the last day to order

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

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Copies of the newly released Spring newsletter are on the foyer tables. Second Reformed is trying to go green and also save on postage. Copies will be mailed to members that do not have internet access.

PRAYERS FOR THE SHEPLER FAMILY

Rev. Shepler's mother, Julia, passed away on March 7. Messages of condolence can be sent to The Shepler Family, 337 Rolling Hills Drive, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302.

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 latest updates. A consistory member may also call you using the phone number listed in the most recent church telephone directory. If there are any changes, please let Kathy know in the church office.

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY - *\$110 collected so far in 2013!*

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 outside of Second Church ministries. Envelopes will be available on the foyer tables or place your check in the offering plate and write in the memo section of your check, "Benevolence 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. The next collection will be on Easter Sunday, **March 31st**.

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

We will have a special collection for Easter beginning on Palm Sunday. All monies will benefit repairing the Second Church organ. Envelopes will be provided in your bulletin and will be on both foyer tables though **April 7th** for your convenience.