

Entrance

Gathering (As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.)

Prelude (Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.)

Ever Faithful, Ever Near - F. Ritter

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy - arr. L. Shackley

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Welcome (During this time please pass the pew pads.)

Introit The Cherub Choir

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Psalm 51:1-2,10-12, 15-17

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*Extinguishing of a Lenten Candle John 3:19

...the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light...

*Invocation
*Opening Hymn No. 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Proclamation

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:1-13
Anthem The Children's Choir

Blessed Assurance - arr. K. Hitzemann

*Sharing the Peace of Christ
Young Disciples Time (Children age 4 - 1st grade may leave for children's church.)

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11
Meditation Rev. Jay Minnick

Response

Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Congregational Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, we confess our day-to-day failure to be truly human. We confess that we fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves. We cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division. Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word we have built up walls of prejudice, and by selfishness and lack of sympathy we have stifled generosity and left little time for others. Gracious God, speak to us anew. Come and fill us with your presence.

We offer this prayer in the name of the one who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer (please pray in unison)

**...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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts
Offertory The Chancel Choir
Be Thou My Vision - arr. B. Harlan

*Doxology (sung in unison)
**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.**

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn No. 671
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

*Pastoral Benediction
*Postlude
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast - arr. B. Price

*please rise in body or in spirit

If you are looking for a church home in the Raleigh area we would love for you to become part of our church family here at Pleasant Grove. Please contact the church office for more information about church membership.

Weekly Prayer List

Concerns: Dee McLamb; Lauren Tong; Lynnette Mann; Marlene Baker; Mattie Benforado; Connie Dimitroff; Brenda Cantu; Heather Jerman; Dian Banker; Robbie Stewart; Les Godbold; Sandy & Jason Castleberry; Cathy Anderson's dad; Kass Cahill's mom; Chad Simmons's dad; Lucinda Sullivan's mom; Bill Krieski's mom; Nikki Williams's mom; Kirk Pedersen's mom; Sandy Jennekens's mom; Virginia Benner's grandmother; Mary Holroyd's daughter; Laura Hammond's brother; Glen Bulloss's brother; Vickie McGee's brother; John McGlaughlin's brother; Michele Baitsholts's brother; Brenda Cantu's sister; Katie Uher's sister; Nancy Glasgow's sister-in-law; Jane & Dale Stokes's sister-in-law; Richard & Beverly Smith's son; Dian Banker's son-in-law; Connie Dimitroff's uncle; Lucinda Sullivan's cousin; Janet McCall's friend, Cathy.

This Week's Calendar

Today:
7:30 a.m. Coffee Chorus
2:00 p.m. Lenten Study
3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
4:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir
4:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal & Sr. High Youth
4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth
Monday:
4:30 p.m. Great Minds
Tuesday:
5:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Wednesday:
10:00 a.m. Donuts & Devotions
6:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
7:15 p.m. Finance Committee
Thursday:
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:15 a.m. Greek Class
5:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Friday:
10:30 a.m. Friday Folders
Saturday:
9:30 a.m. Sr. High Youth @ Miracle League

Weekly Announcements

The season of Lent is a time of self-examination and reflection. Please join us for a 5-week Lenten study based on the book, *Unafraid - Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*, by Adam Hamilton. The book attempts to help us understand our feelings about failure, financial insecurity, loneliness, insignificance, aging, and fears of outside perils while reminding us to embrace Jesus's counsel: "Do not be afraid". The study begins this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Hyder House. Please contact Deborah Horton for more information.

The PGUMC Sewing Ministry Group is partnering with the Sew Powerful Project (www.sewpowerful.org) to support girls' education in Zambia. Providing the girls with purses and hygiene supplies will allow them to stay in school all month long, vastly improving their chances for educational success and related opportunities. Visit the display in the Welcome Center to learn more about this meaningful project and see how you can help financially, in-kind, or in-person! Raffle tickets to support this project will be on sale in the Welcome Center until the drawing on March 23. Contact Karin at 919-208-6164 with questions.

Join us for the next installment of the PGUMC concert series, The City of Oaks Brass Quintet, on Sunday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. This family friendly program will feature the music of Bach, Debussy, Gershwin, and others. Invite your friends and neighbors - the concert is free and open to the public!

High School Dinner Theater is Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22! Dinner Theater includes a delicious 3-course candlelight dinner and an entertaining show put on by our youth! The cost is \$35/person & \$30/senior adults. Free childcare for those under the age of 11 is available. To make reservations, please contact Ashley Yohman. Seating begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The High School Youth thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser!

Our outreach collection for the month of March supports Note in the Pocket, a local agency that provides clothing for needy families with school-aged children. Donations of new or gently-used clothes may be placed in the bins located in the Welcome Center. Please visit Note in the Pocket's website, www.noteinthepocket.org, to see a list of most needed clothing items.



Financials (July 2024 - June 2025)

Giving Received Last Week: \$15,587.00
Giving Received YTD: \$475,077.32

Giving Needed Each Week: \$13,181.38
Giving Needed YTD: \$461,348.30

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**WE EXIST TO BE THE
BODY OF CHRIST**

1st Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025