

THE OFFERTORY *Prière (Prayer)* Higgs

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 298** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Rutter

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 Infant/Toddler Nursery: Emy Riley  
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 Children's Worship Volunteers: Melissa Lawson and Joan Adams  
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**Morningside Presbyterian Church Staff**

Joanna M. Adams.....Pastor  
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**WORSHIP FEBRUARY 24, 2008  
 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

**THE PRELUDE** Walter Huff

**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Christopher Henry

Leader: Long before the dawn and as the first light shines;

**People: Praise the Lord.**

Leader: Throughout the day and in every season;

**People: Praise the Lord.**

Leader: As dusk approaches and well into the night;

**People: Praise the Lord.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord.

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473** *For the Beauty of the Earth*  
*(verses 1 through 5)*

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

*\*(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Merciful God, you have created us in your image. Yet, too quickly we deny your life-giving ways. You teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Yet, we hold onto our anger and disappointments; we cling to our hurts and frustrations. You embrace us with your love. Yet, we hoard this gift; hesitant to embrace our neighbor and share the love you so freely give. By your steadfast love and mercy, release us from our sinfulness. Return to us the joy of your salvation. Hear, O Lord, our prayer for your forgiveness. Amen.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 572)

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

## \* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 112. Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Passing of the Peace** for special classes. Preschoolers are in Room G-11 and K-5<sup>th</sup> grade are in Room G-1.)*

## THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 84 David York  
(page 513 in the Pew Bible)

## THE ANTHEM

*O Day of Peace (Jerusalem)* Parry

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace. Then, shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small. As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:43-48 (page 5 in the Pew Bible)

## THE SERMON

*People Want to Know* - A Sermon Series for Lent

V. "Why Should I Love My Enemies?" Cathy Schreiber

*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:44*

## \* THE HYMN 207

*How Lovely, Lord*

**\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Brief Statement of Faith - Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## THE 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.