

\* THE HYMN 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Light Dawns on a Weary World* William Rowan

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes. Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilder-ness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes, *Shalom*.



Baron Mullis      Walter Huff  
*Pastor                      Organist / Choirmaster*

WORSHIP      JANUARY 23, 2011

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

THE GATHERING

Bill Humphries

Leader:            The Lord be with you.  
People:            And also with you.

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:            Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.    Worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing.  
People:            **Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**  
Leader:            Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
People:            **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**  
Leader:            Let us worship God, who creates, redeems and sustains us.  
- Psalm 100

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

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*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 012.*

- Elder on call: Mary Chapman 404.817.0496
- Deacon on call: Bill Means 404.526.5702
- Ushers: Guerry & Michelle Mashburn, Kim Perez, Shari Tant
- Greeters: Ellen Brown, Cindy Humphries, Gail Kitchens, Lisa and Shannon Harris
- Coffee and Conversation Hosts: Holly Campbell, Nan Cunningham
- Counters: Bill Humphries, Emilie Paille
- Infant Volunteer: Amy Jensen
- Toddler/Two Volunteer: Robin Boren
- Three, Four, and Five’s Volunteers: Brooke Williams, Dawn Bell
- K-1st Grade Volunteers: Vickie and Marshall Hunter
- 2nd-3rd grade Volunteer: Meg Samuel
- Fellowship: Human Resources

Staff

- Baron Mullis.....Pastor
- Walter Huff.....Organist/ Choirmaster
- Melinda Sandkam .....Program Director
- Sarah Tomaka..... Preschool Director
- Anna Best.....Office Administrator
- J. Daniel Altman.....Music Administrator
- Ann Benson.....Office Assistant
- Randy Young.....Facilities Manager
- Gus Restrepo.....Sexton

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, though we are made in your image, we fail to live as you made us to live. Where we have missed opportunities to serve, we need forgiveness. Where we have been unkind, we need forgiveness. Where we have caused pain, we need forgiveness. Where we harbor guilt and unease, we need forgiveness. For what we know but cannot name, we need forgiveness. So remake us, we pray. Call us and lead us where you would have us go. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

People: **For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.** - Ephesians 2:8-10

\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 280)

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Three through five-year-olds in Room 011; K - 1st grade in Room 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in Room 003; Double Digits in Room 005.*

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 Deuteronomy 6:20-25 (page 158 in the pew Bible)

THE ANTHEM *Open Thou Mine Eyes* John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire; order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God, and beside thee let there be none else, no other, nought else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee, according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:18-24 (page 226 in the pew Bible)

THE SERMON “*God is Greater than Our Hearts*” Baron Mullis

\* THE HYMN 339 *Be Thou My Vision*

\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

- The Scots’ Confession

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.

THE OFFERTORY *Thanks Be to God* Thomas Matthews

Thanks be to God! Who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spread the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God. As commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ. We preach not ourselves: but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God who said “Let light shine out of darkness” has shone in our hearts to give light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Christ. In him all the promises of God find their Yes! That is why we utter the Amen through him to the glory of God!

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