

IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

THE FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Clements from Elsie Clements and family.

THE ROSEBUD is placed on the altar today celebrating the birth of Porter Lee Norwood on February 23, 2010. His parents are Dan and Treena Norwood and the grandparents are Billy and Rebecca Norwood and Warren and Mary Threatt. His great-grandparents are Gladys Threatt, Patty Norwood and Virginia Bjorlin.

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GREETERS: Charlie & Nita Williamson, Angie Mallard

ALTAR GUILD: Marti Dixon, Martha Rollins

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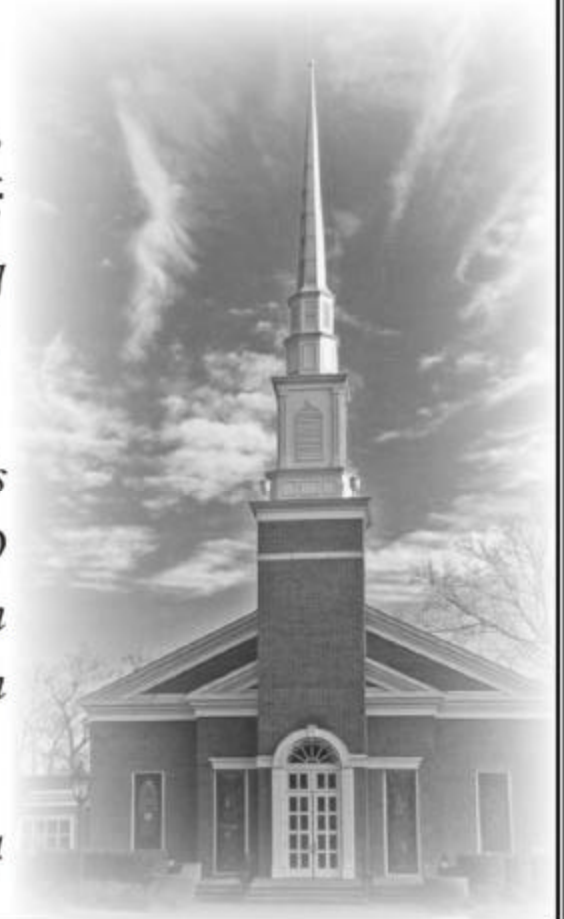
How lovely is thy dwelling place

O Lord of hosts!

*My soul longs, yea faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing
for joy to the living God.*

*Even the sparrow finds
a home at your altars, O
Lord of hosts. For a day in
your courts is better than
a thousand elsewhere.*

Psalm 84



A Service of Christian Worship

March 14, 2010 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - SCOUT SUNDAY 10:55 A.M.

GATHERING

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

Please sign the registration book on the center aisle and pass it to your neighbor. First-time visitors are encouraged to list your address and telephone number so that we may share additional information about our church with you.

A MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Acolytes

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Central Brass

J. S. Bach

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Ye Sinners

Joseph Hart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground!

PEOPLE: **Glory, hallelujah!**

LEADER: The dead's alive, and the lost is found!

PEOPLE: **Glory, hallelujah!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*OPENING PRAYER (Pastor)

O God, who loved us enough to send your Son to live among us, help us to celebrate today that your great love continues to reach out toward us, whether we are steadfastly faithful or have gone astray. Help us to rejoice with you when the lost are found, and to welcome one another into your loving and gracious presence here and wherever we may go this week. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, we pray. **Amen.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: When we recognize that we need help and turn toward God, God is always ready to meet us with forgiveness. Let us therefore go back home to the arms of our loving God and acknowledge there that we have done wrong.

PEOPLE: **O God, we have sinned against you and against our brothers and sisters. We have gone our own way, rebelling against your will for us, and we have found it to be the wrong way. We acknowledge here before you and one another that we have done wrong. Truly we are not worthy to be called your children... but we trust in your grace, shown to**

us in the scriptures and in the life and teachings of Jesus. We come humbly but boldly, because we know you are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, and because we have learned that you are always ready to forgive. Forgive us now, O God, and set our feet back on the right path. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is more rejoicing in heaven, Jesus said, over one sinner who repents than over a multitude of righteous who do not need to repent. Be assured that as we have turned to God in confession, God has turned toward us with forgiveness and steadfast love. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Parents may take 3,4 & 5 year olds to Children's Church at this time.

ANTHEM

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
Judy Sanderson, soloist

Howard Helvey, arr.

PRAYER CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

Children of the Heavenly Father

Swedish Melody

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord
Chancel Choir

Claude Bass

*THE DOXOLOGY NO. 95

*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.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Logan Felix

SERMON

"The Greatest Story Ever Told"

Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr.

*CLOSING HYMN # 348

Softly and Tenderly

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

*Congregation please stand as you are able