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All are welcomed to this service of worship. We pray that you experience God's love, Christ's grace, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. If you are visiting with us, please use one of the "Guest" cards in the pew rack to let us know you have been here. So that our members may greet you by name, you are invited to use the name tag attached to that card.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

GATHERING HYMN "As the Deer" (alphabetical in supplement)

LITANY FOR THE DAY (from Psalm 147)

How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

*HYMN 482

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

(from Call to Worship)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

We come to you not because we are perfect, but because we know that we are not.

Our love is most often reserved for those who are close to us and those who love us in return. Our forgiveness is most often conditional. Fairness is more important to us than grace. We cannot live up to the extravagant love into which Jesus leads us as his disciples.

Forgive us, and make us more like Christ in all we say and do.

**All who are able may stand.*

Unless otherwise noted, we will sing all verses of each hymn.

KYRIE (#574)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#579)

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*THE GIFT OF PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And Also with you!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31, OT p. 668

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"In the Presence of Jehovah"

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(After this time, children 4, 5, or 6 years old may go to junior church.)

SECOND READING

Mark 1:29-39, NT p. 35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON TEXT

"Everyone is searching for you."

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN # 412

"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEEPENING DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Please remember the following persons as we prayer)

Ellen Ash	Glinda Carnall	Betty Deihl	Val Krumrine	Bonnie Ramsey
Denny Robles	Mabel Balk	Marilyn Bell	Rosalie Couch	Bill Hilgedag
Whitney Jeffrey	Irma Mattern	Kyle McCarthy	Stacy Shelburne	Jill Spencer
Caren Springer	Margaret Seese	Mike Truskolaski	Greg Wiley	Jim Zaleta
Nate Keller	John Manning	Brett Plummer	Isaac Sands	Leah Sands
Michael Stohler	Adam Strader			

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They shall perish, but you shall endure. You are always the same and your years will never end.

You made us in your image and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved us and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever say to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. Revealing your love, Jesus taught those who would hear him, healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him and lifted the burden of their sin. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

According to his commandment:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Intercessions for the church and the world may be included here.

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(It is the custom of this congregation to hold the elements until all have been served. Cups in the center ring of trays contain wine. Cups in the outer rings have grape juice.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*HYMN

"Be Unto Your Name"

(alphabetical in supplement)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

LOOKING TOWARD LENT

The Worship Committee invites you to participate in a brief study of worship during the season of Lent. We will be reading and discussing [Worship Matters](#) by Jane Rogers Vann, Professor of Christian Education Emerita at Union Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

We will meet on Thursday evenings in March (beginning on March 1) at 6:30 p.m. We will start each evening with a light meal of soup and finish our study by 8 p.m.

Please email me (pastor@firstpcbluffton.org) to reserve a copy of the book and to let me know how much soup to prepare.

Bob Madsen