

# Purity Presbyterian Church

135 Wylie Street, Chester, SC 29706

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2010

11:00 am

Marvin W. (Trey) Hegar, III, MDiv Pastor

Mrs. Faye A. Daniel, Director of Music/Organist

### **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

*Gathering: We informally greet one another and prepare for worship.*

*Visitors are asked to sign the visitor's book in the back of the church.*

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Robert B. Farlee

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, we have run far from you.

**People:** *We humbly hunger to return to you.*

Leader: The Lord runs to meet us in the field with open arms.

**People:** *The Lord's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.*

Leader: I will bless you, O God, as long as I live;

**People:** *I will lift up my hands and call on your name.* (Psalm 63:1-4)

## **\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

*Patient God, you are always willing to accept us, even in our bleakest moment. You surround us with the hushed silence of your love. Like a compassionate parent, you wait to receive us in your embrace while we struggle to place you first in our lives. We are gathered today in your presence to grow as your sons and daughters so that we may be more like you. Thank you for always letting us fall into your arms. Amen.*

**\*HYMN No. 488**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Leoni

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make, but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.*

*Holy God, before we come to our senses, we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home. Amen.*

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE**

"Lord Have Mercy Upon Us"

#574

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

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

#579

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST LESSON** (Pew Bible page 197)

Joshua 5:9-12

**ANTHEM**

"Jesu, Whom Thy Children Love"

H. Elliot Button

**SECOND LESSON** (Pew Bible page 78)

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**SERMON**

"God is Gracious"

Trey Hegar, MDiv.

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"  
(Traditional)

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\*HYMN insert

"Softly and Tenderly"

Invitation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Meditation on 'Olivet' "

Karl Osterland

\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN No. 388

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Angel's Story

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Amen"

McNeil Robinson

\*POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Johann Cruger

*\*Please stand if able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today were given by Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Brice, Jr. to the glory of God and to honor members of the Pulpit Nominating Committee.*

**Mission Statement**

*Purity Presbyterian Church has the mission to glorify  
Jesus Christ through corporate worship, prayer,  
stewardship, study, faith, outreach, witnessing with  
our church family and the community.*

# **Menu for Wednesday Night Meal**

**Ribeye Steak  
Baked Potato  
Salad**

Desserts will be provided by Linda Lee and Jewell Darby.

### 2010 Presbytery Meeting Schedule

3/18 **Presbytery Meeting 10AM (Van Wyck)**  
5/23 Presbytery Meeting 2:30PM (Tirzah-Lancaster)  
8/15 Called Presbytery Meeting at Clinton College (Hosted by Hermon)  
10/17 Presbytery Meeting—2:30PM (Grace-Lancaster)



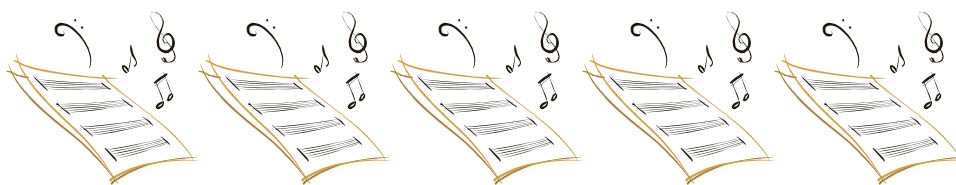
**Youth Lock-In**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**  
**All are invited for**  
**Ice Cream & Pizza.**



March 20<sup>th</sup>, Ballantyne, NC Trip.

Sunday, March 28 at 6PM will be an evening to remember at **Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill**. Make plans now to attend the "Presbyterians Have Talent" Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show. Music by a Winthrop jazz combo, fellowship, fine dining, and talent of unquestionable value will be received by all. Proceeds will benefit mission efforts of the Winthrop Campus Ministry and their upcoming mission trip to Frontera de Cristo as well as the OAPC Youth Ministry. Admission is \$15 per person with a limit of \$40 per family. Come spend an evening with us—you'll be glad you did!

Have you considered a gift to the Purity  
Concert Series?



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Concert Series.

