St. Paul & Center Grove United Methodist Church

5th Sanday in Lent 17 March 2013 Rev. Alan Thompson

Liturgical Color. Purple

"Small church...big hearts for serving the Lord and our neighbor in love...transforming the world."

Prelude (#328) & Greeting

Passing of the Peace

Opening Prayer & Responsive Reading: #846 Psalm 126 *Hymn of Praise: # 362 Nothing but the Blood Affirmation of Faith: #881 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead, and burried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy Catholic**church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

*Gloria Patri: #70

Silent Meditation & Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Special Music: # 419 I am Thine O Lord (SPUMC Choir)

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology: #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

Message in Hymn: #365 Grace Greater than Our Sin

Scripture: Galatians 3: 23-28

Sermon: Hard Topics in Christianity-Immigration

*Hymn of Invitation: # 591 Rescue the Perishing

*Benediction

*Postlude: #672 God Be With You Til We Meet Again

* Congregation standing

Life of the Church

• Attendance 03/10/13: SPUMC - 29 ; CGUMC - 4

- Pine Bluff UMC Food Pantry: Bring <u>food pantry</u> items to SPUMC by the first Saturday of each month in support of this ministry
- Stop Hunger Now Fundraising: Children will begin collecting "loose change" during the service for this program.
- Easter Egg Hunt 3/30/13 2p-4p @ SPUMC. Need volunteers.
- 3/26/13 @ 6pm: Movie Night SPUMC "Passion of the Christ" Come experience the journey to the cross together as the body
- SPUMC Council 3/24/13 & 4/7/13 @ 1pm SPUMC History Meeting 3/17/13 @ 1pm
- SPUMC Community day 5/11/13
- See Thelma Tomberlin to order Easter lilies or geraniums

Prayer List

Local Church: Helen Shinn, Polly Meehan, Bob Krimminger, Wanda Krimminger, Jerry Walter, Bob McClain, Betty McClain, Angel Thompson, Myra Thompson, Don Cassese, Sue Barbee <u>Homebound:</u> Laura Leigh, Rosalyn Greene, Elizabeth Widenhouse, Ellen Cline, Martha Hartsell (rehab) <u>Community</u>: Sharon Tomberlin, Susan Williams Kate Fincher, Junior Johnson, Mary Smith, Ruth Carter, Debbie Smith, Betty Smith, Betty Sanders, Joan Ellard, Karen Milke, Phyllis Godfrey, Eric Rasmussen, John Rasmussen, Emily Bostian, Randy Anderson, Raymond Childers, Wesley Hartsell, Larry Stancil, Sarah McCafferty, Alexander Chaney, Fergie Krimminger, John Greenlee, Dylan Howell, Ed Stewicki, Allen Linker, Mac Hopkins, , John Bowers, Stacy Davis, Noah Powers, Vivian Schrader, Mary Helms, Debbie Tompkins, Josh Helms, Jenny Satts, Jerri Greene, Ruth Baxter Laney, Darrell Johnston, Dovie Faggart, James Kirkley, Pamela Young, Matt Greene, Dot Walter, Clarence Walter, Robert Barnhardt and Family, Emily Hileman, Sharon Williams, Kesha Wallace, Norrie Baird, Stacy Lentz, Ed & Jackie Oppenheimer, Marian Kinley, Caleb Huskins, Ted McComber, Erica Miller, Haley Crawford, Tazwell Baird, Mark Walter, Chuck Bason, Jared Helzel, Peter Schwartz Family, , Donnie Mauldin Family , Jonathan Sapp Family, Charles Whitley Harrison Family, Chuck and Dinah Banton <u>(in an effort to keep our prayer focused on particular needs, please provide updates on conditions when available as well as those that need to be added to our prayer program along with those to be removed) ***</u>

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Alan Thompson	3/21	Elizabeth Beaver	3/20	William & Tammy Beaver	3/23
Wes Lefler	3/1	Sara Milke	3/6	, Becky Morgan	3/28
Todd Wilcox	3/21	Melissa & Jim Blovsky	3/14	, 5	
Sermon Series: "Hard Topics in Christianity." 2/17-Suicide, 3/3-Homosexuality, 3/10-Abortion, 3/17-					
Immigration, 3/24–Addictions, 4/7–Poverty, 4/14–Violence, 4/21 – Religious Tolerance					

Lenten SchedulePassion/Palm Sunday Service 3/24Holy Thursday Service (SPUMC) 3/28 7pmGood Friday Prayer Vigil 3/29Easter Sunrise Service (SPUMC) 3/31 7:11 am followed by breakfastFlowering of Cross Easter Service (SPUMC) 3/31 0830

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Paragraph 162 UM Book of Discipline: *H*) *Rights of Immigrants*—We recognize, embrace, and affirm all persons, regardless of country of origin, as members of the family of God. We affirm the right of all persons to equal opportunities for employment, access to housing, health care, education, and freedom from social discrimination. We urge the Church and society to recognize the gifts, contributions, and struggles of those who are immigrants and to advocate for justice for all.

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