

**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Order of Service for the Worship of God**

March 8, 2009

2nd Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE    *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* ~ Dietrich Buxtehude    Rev. C. Ralph Mills  
                  *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God* ~ Ludwig Lenel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS    Frank Henderson

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP    *Holy Ground*    Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 22: 23-24, 26-28

L: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you children of Jacob, glorify him; and stand in awe of him, all you children of Israel!

**P: For the LORD has not despised or abhorred the sufferings of the afflicted; and he has not hidden his face from them, but he has heard, when they cried to him.**

L: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live for ever!

**P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**We indeed remember and turn to you, O God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Bless our time of worship. Unite us with you, and with one another, as your children, so that we may worship, praise, and serve you, all our days; we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**    *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*    #82

CALL TO CONFESSION

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ~ From the Church of Scotland

**Holy Lord, we are so filled with determination to have our way, and we pay so little heed to You, that we miss Your glory and grace, and dare to presume that all good things have come from our work and our design. Forgive us. Forgive the presumption of the human mind, that narrows the boundaries of Your generosity to the small-bordered space of our own works. Forgive us when we exchange Your boundless grace for something common, and cramped, and earth-bound, and when we turn down the far-flung horizons of Your eternal love. Open our eyes to the shallowness of our own wants, to the pettiness of our own accomplishments, and to the grandeur of your love.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~ 1 Peter 2: 4-5, 9-10

L: Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men, but in God’s sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house,

**P: To be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

L: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**P: Once [we] were no people, but now [we] are God’s people; once [we] had not received mercy, but now [we] have received mercy.**

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**    #813

ANTHEM    *I Then Shall Live*    Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S LESSON    *(Preschool through 2nd grade children may be led to Junior Church following the children’s message. Older children’s bulletins are in the vestibule.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Mark 8: 27-38 ~ Page 875-876 in the pew Bible

And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men.” And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, “If any would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a person, to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? For what can a person give in return for their life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SERMON    “Take Up Your Cross”    Rev. Frank Wyche

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**    *The Nicene Creed*    Inside front cover of Hymnal

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**    *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*    #320

OFFERING

OFFERTORY    *God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven* ~ Peter Hurford

**\*DOXOLOGY** #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (...debtors/debtors...)

**\*HYMN** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* #328

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE** *Fuga in C Minor ~ Johann Nepomuk Hummel* Rev. C. Ralph Mills

\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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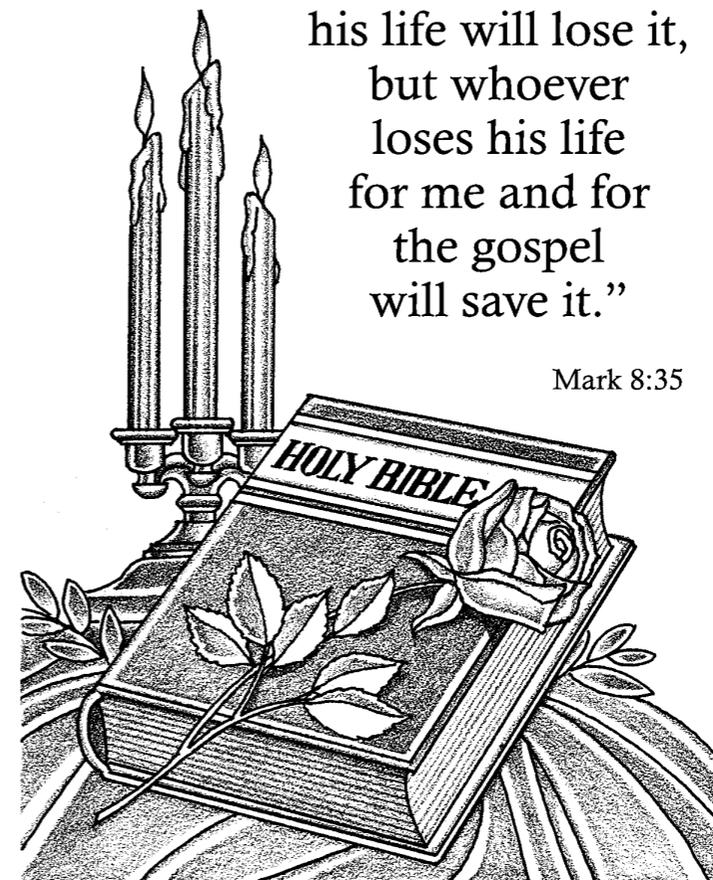
Music Director: Hannah Bush

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 22** – The Session has scheduled a meeting of the congregation of Hebron Presbyterian Church, to be held on Sunday, March 22, immediately following morning worship, to act on two matters: 1) To elect three members of the congregation to serve on the Church Nominating Committee for 2009; and, 2) To vote on whether to reduce the size of the Session from 15 members to 12.

The Church Nominating Committee will place in nomination for the new committee: Nicola Cahill, Vicki Drumheller, and Gail Mayer. Additional nominations will be accepted at the congregational meeting. If you wish to nominate anyone from the floor, please speak with them in advance and secure their agreement to being nominated, and their willingness to serve.

“For whoever  
wants to save  
his life will lose it,  
but whoever  
loses his life  
for me and for  
the gospel  
will save it.”

Mark 8:35



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