

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Homewood, Alabama  
First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025**

**\*\*Please text any prayer requests to 205-924-5080 before the Sharing of the Peace.  
Please include your name, unless you wish the request to be anonymous. \*\***

**Prayer of Preparation**      Show me your Way through your Word. Amen.

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

*Sunset to Sunrise Changes Now*

Robert J. Powell

Matt Barron, clarinet

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Richard Galbraith, Liturgist

From dust we came,  
**to dust we will return.**

Yet God breathes life into us,  
**God fills our lives with goodness,  
and invites us into life in all its fullness.**

In the wilderness of life, we have hope:  
**we live by the Word of the Lord.**

In the face of temptation, we proclaim:  
**we worship the Lord our God alone.**

May we worship you this day  
**remembering that Christ is the resurrection and the life.**

**Prayer of the Day**

1 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

### **Invitation to Reconciliation**

### **Prayer of Brokenness**

**God of abundance, we yearn for more:  
more power, more control, more stuff.  
We confess that we fear we do not have enough.  
God of simple gifts, we dream of small things,  
when you promise all goodness and  
unbounded love and eternal life.  
We confess that we fear we are not up  
to the challenge of a life of discipleship.  
Help us to know satisfaction and contentment.  
Inspire us to share your vision  
for a world teeming with grace.  
Speak to our hearts through your Spirit  
and strengthen us to follow Christ,  
in whose name we pray.  
Hear now the silent confessions of our hearts...**

*(Silent Confession)*

## Lenten Prayer Response Hymn 76



*All*  
Do not be a - fraid, for I am with you. Cho-sen and be -  
loved, you are my own. Do not be a - fraid, for I have re -  
deemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!**

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Psalter

#### Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

<sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
<sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD,  
**“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,  
<sup>10</sup> **no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.**

<sup>11</sup> for the Lord will command angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder,

the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup> **Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them

<sup>16</sup> **With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 4: 1-13**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Carl Martin, CRE

## **Hymn 166**

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins  
and close by you to stay.

3 And through these days of penitence,  
and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death,  
O Lord, with us abide.

2 As you with Satan did contend  
and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere,  
in you to conquer sin.

4 Abide with us, till when this life  
of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

## **Announcements for the Community of Faith**

## **Call to Offering**

## **Anthem**

## *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

Tune: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, HYMN 43

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:**           And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

<sup>2</sup> The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. **(Refrain)**

<sup>3</sup> You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **(Refrain)**

<sup>4</sup> For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. **(Refrain)**

## **Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

## **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

## **Communion of the People**

**Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People**

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**Hymn 541**

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

1 God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
smite death's threatening wave before  
you: God be with you till we meet again.

**Charge and Benediction**

Carl Martin, CRE

**Postlude**

*Psalm*

Gordon Young