

February 21, 2021

Morning Worship
First Sunday in Lent
Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ

10:30 a.m.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

L: There are some journeys for which we long.

P: But the journey to the cross looks as though it will be difficult.

L: The way of discipleship and faith is difficult.

P: We would prefer something easier. We are not ready for this trip.

L: Put your hearts at ease. You are not traveling alone.

P: Perhaps we can accomplish this trip. At least we will try the first step.

L: As we come to worship, lead us O God. Be our teacher. Be our guide. Amen

Prayer of Adoration and Illumination

Hymn

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

Shelley Zuckerman

Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your ways; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. (Time of Silent Personal Reflection)

Words of Assurance

Anthem

“King of My Heart”

Kody Whitaker & Slackwood Youth

Scripture Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

O LORD, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God!

Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.

No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.

Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow.

Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me.

All day long I put my hope in you.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and unfailing love, which you have shown from long ages past.

Do not remember the rebellious sins of my youth.

Remember me in the light of your steadfast love, for you are merciful, O LORD.

The LORD is good and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those who go astray.

He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way.

The LORD leads with steadfast love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.

Sermon

“What it Really Means to be Meek”

Pastor Irmer

Prayers of the People & 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 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.

Time of Offering

Contributions to the ministries of Slackwood Church can be made on the church website, www.slackwoodchurch.org or by mail at 2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

“There Is a Longing in Our Hearts”

Shelley Zuckerman

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God.
For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God. *(Refrain)*

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God.
Lord save us, take pity, Light in our darkness.
We call you; we wait: be near; hear our prayer, O God. *(Refrain)*

Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

Pastor: The Rev. Ryan Irmer

Parish Associate: The Rev. James Klotz

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

Director of Family Ministries: Starr Alleyne

Seminary Intern: Kody Whitaker

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning.

The **Adult Forum** meets at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday via Zoom conferencing. The link is sent in the weekly announcement email.

The **Board of Deacons** will meet on Sunday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Sunday, February 28 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The **Christian Education Committee** invites you to continue to support the food pantry of Slackwood Elementary School. Donations may be taken directly to the school Monday through Friday anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Vulnerable families are in need of items such as essential food (non-perishable), cleaners, detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, and soap. Grocery store gift cards are also recommended. The address of the school is: 2060 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648.