

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

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**We Gather to Praise God**

**PRELUDE**                    *“Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”*

**WELCOME**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*“Praise Him”*

Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Lamentations 3:22-24)

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.**

**“Be still and know that I am God!**

**I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”**

**The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**\*HYMN #91**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, you have made it clear what you desire from us. You ask for obedience, but we prefer our own way. You have asked for our love, and we focus on ourselves. You have asked for us to share your message of love with the world, and we keep it to ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may hear and follow your calling. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Romans 3:24

**LAW OF GOD**

Romans 12:1-2

**CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE**

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth [repeat]*

*O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name.*

*Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty*

*In my life, Lord be glorified, be glorified, [repeat] today.*

*In my home, Lord... In Your church, Lord... In my heart, Lord.*

*I love You, I love You, I love You, Lord, today because You care for me in such a special way. And yes, I praise You. I lift You up, and I magnify Your name. That's why my heart is filled with praise.*

*My heart, my mind, my soul belong to You. You paid the price for me way back on Calvary. And yes, I praise You. I lift You up, and I magnify Your name. That's why my heart is filled with praise.*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* Chancel Choir

### **We Hear God's Word**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE** II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (p. 166 New Testament)

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*PRAISE SONG** *"Thy Word"* Refrain:

*"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)  
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me.*

*And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.*

*I will not forget your love for me and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.*

*Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,  
and I will love you to the end."*

**MESSAGE** *"Singing the Last Verse"*

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**APOSTLES' CREED** Page 12 Hymnal

#### **RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** *"I Love You, Lord, Today"* Chancel Choir

#### **\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN #425

*"For All the Saints"*

(first tune)

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Reprise

*"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my Feet.....Please be near me to the end..."*

\*POSTLUDE

\*Congregation may stand

### TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Walt & Lucy Paradies

Ushers: Barbara Araromi, Clair Coddington, Jane & Jeff DeWitt

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship: Dave & Paula Pynaker

Next Week's Stewards (**November 3**):

Greeters:

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Ron & Gayle Dellinger

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting is after church this morning. As usual we will be electing Elders and Deacons, and the 2014 budget will be presented. There will also be time to discuss other matters of congregational interest.

### EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing next Tuesday, November 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at Tripps Restaurant, 1428 Garner Station Blvd, Raleigh. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

### CARYING PLACE

It is our turn to serve dinner for the Caring Place on Nov. 7th. The group meets at 6:30 at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church. We will need items for dinner as well as servers. Please see Paula Pynaker if you can help with this.

### MEMORY VERSE

The memory verse for November is Revelation 3:20 – "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me."