

BUSH HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4916 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*Liturgical Color: Purple, symbolizing penitence
and the sovereignty of Jesus Christ*

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

8:30 & 11:00 AM



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Improvisation on 'Lonesome Valley'
(The text for the prelude can be found in Hymn 80.)

M. Goodwyn

Please join in prayer and meditation during the prelude.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The word of faith is near to you, on your lips and in your heart.

PEOPLE: **If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved.**

LEADER: For one believes with the heart and so is justified; one confesses with the mouth and so is redeemed.

PEOPLE: **Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

*HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifier

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION (Unison)

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are heavy, and our burdens hold us down. We can't imagine new life—Easter life—because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Our transgressions are ever before us. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. In the strong name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: It is God who creates a clean heart. It is our risen Savior who puts a new and right spirit within us. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

THE THANKSGIVING

Call to Prayer

MINISTER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

MINISTER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Response 580 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full
of Thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

(using *debts* and *debtors*)

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 106 *Alleluia!*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give__ thanks to the ri - sen Lord.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give__ praise to His__ Name.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, SPOKEN AND SILENT

*HYMN 2152 (STF)

Change My Heart, O God

Change My Heart

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN 586

A - men A - men A - men.

*POSTLUDE

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Johann Alberti

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Lectionary for Next Week – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 15:1–12, 17–18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35

Special Needs: Large Print Bulletins, Bibles, and Hymnals are available; also available are Wireless Assistive Hearing Devices. Please ask the Ushers.

Hymnals: Most hymns will be found in *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (hardback); others, marked STF, are from the *Sing the Faith* hymnal (soft cover).

Scripture References: The first page number listed refers to the NRSV Pew Bible; references in parentheses (ex: CB-2) are for the Children's Bibles.

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