

**YOUTH ACTIVITY** All youth grades 5 and up are invited to stay after church this morning for an activity, snacks and social time. We will be done at noon.

**SECOND SATURDAY SERIES** The 2nd Saturdays @7 Series will continue in March with a service of Stations of the Cross on **Saturday March 14**. We will gather for a meager meal of soup and bread at 6:30 and the service will begin at 7:00 pm. A brief time of education will follow the service.

All Youth are invited to participate in Stations of the Cross on Saturday, March 14 and to join in making pretzels following the service.

**A DIOCESAN TRAINING DAY** will be held on Saturday March 28 at St Stephens (Wilkes-Barre). This is a day set aside for learning about opportunities and resources for ministry in congregations, and celebrating ministries we share. Many varied workshops will be available. Watch for more information in the ENews, the Visitor and on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS** are due by March 10. Please take a moment to order yours today. Forms are available in the pews and on the table in the Parish Hall.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Saturday, March 14**  
**Soup & Bread Supper 6:30**  
**Stations of the Cross 7:00**

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of Almighty God.*

### Ministers

<b>Celebrant / Preacher</b>	The Reverend John Major
<b>Organist</b>	Bernard Gardzalla
<b>Lector / Intercessor</b>	David Wright
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Beverly Cushner
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBA
<b>Ushers / Oblationers</b>	Heather Hules, Hugh Kelley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beverly Cushner
<b>Vestry Counter</b>	TBA

**Sunday, March 1, 2009**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

### The Music

Organ Prelude: "Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar

**Opening Hymn:** *The Glory of These Forty Days* #143

**Gradual Hymn:** *Baptized in Water* LEVAS #121

**Presentation of Offerings:** *Doxology* #380 vs.3

Communion: Improvisation on "Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said" B. Gardzalla

**Post Communion Hymn:** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* (Pew Rack) verses 1,2, refrain, 3

**Closing Hymn:** *Lift High the Cross* #473

Organ Postlude: Grand Choeur on "Terribilis Est" Alexandre Guilmant

### The Lectionary

#### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons** (*The people sit.*)

**The First Reading:** *Genesis 9:8-17*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm:** *Psalms 25:1-9 Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*

- and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
  - 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
  - 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
  - 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
  - 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
  - 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-61 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15 (The People Stand)**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## The Announcements

**WELCOME**, we are pleased you have come to worship with us today. If you have any questions about our service, please feel free to speak to an Usher.

**RESTORE THE GLORY** This week we are kicking off a campaign to repair and restore the Chancel windows (the ones behind the Altar) which are at risk of falling out from many years of exposure to heat and cold. You will receive information on the campaign, and how you can help, in the mail this week. The "Restore the Glory" Committee members are Father Major, Carl Goeringer, Dave Dillon, Dan Mon, Dan Plashinski & Jennifer Martin.

**ANNUAL REPORT FINANCIALS** Due to a computation 'glitch' the Financial Reports section of the Annual Report has been revised. Copies of the new reports are available in the back of the church. Also, our Treasurer, Bonnie Hiscox and Finance Committee Chair, Carl Goeringer will be available after church on Sunday March 8th to present and discuss these reports and to answer any questions about them.

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN** The Church School is holding their annual penny collection for the Season of Lent. An 'Outer Space' Penny Chute has been created in the stairwell and is ready to receive your change! All money raised will be donated through Episcopal Relief & Development.

**MARCH VESTRY MEETING** The March Vestry Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 pm.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN** The ECW meets on the third Wednesday of each month. All women of are invited to attend.

**CHURCH OFFICE** is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-2pm and Fridays from 10am-2 pm.

**PRAYER LIST** Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially:

*Bishop Paul, Therese, Heather, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Andrea, Brian, Hans, Karen, Len, Father Jim, Grace, Nicole, Lee, David, Maryann & SPF Sean Cappellini-Boyle.*