

**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.

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 25, 2009**  
**Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes**  
**7:00 pm**

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Dale Jones who died one year ago on the day, by Carol & Tracy Jones.*

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of Almighty God in celebration of the Prince of Peace Church School Teachers and Students.*

## Ministers

---

|                             |                                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Celebrant / Preacher</b> | The Reverend John Major              |
| <b>Organist</b>             | Bernard Gardzalla                    |
| <b>Lector / Intercessor</b> | Elizabeth Dillon<br>Catherine Dillon |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | Christopher Dillon                   |
| <b>Acolytes</b>             | TBA                                  |
| <b>Ushers / Oblationers</b> | Terry, Jessica & Andrew Martin       |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Heather Hules, Lisa Kasarda          |
| <b>Vestry Counter</b>       | David Wright                         |

# Sunday, February 22, 2009

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

### The Music

Organ Prelude: *Berceuse - Serenade* Charles Gounod  
**Opening Hymn: *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* #618**  
**Gradual Hymn: *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair* #137**  
**Presentation of Offerings: *Doxology* #380 vs.3**  
 Communion: *O Lord, Be Merciful to Me* J.G. Walther  
**Post Communion Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***  
 (Pew Rack) verses 1,2, refrain, 3  
**Closing Hymn: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* #460**  
 Organ Postlude: *Processional* Grayston Ives

### The Lectionary

#### The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

#### The First Reading: *2 Kings 2:1-12*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire

separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6 Deus deorum**

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*

God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*

to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*

for God himself is judge.

**The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9 (The People Stand)**

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## The Announcements

**WELCOME**, we are pleased you have come to worship with us today. Information about our service is located on the cover of your service leaflet.

**REFLECTION ON LAST EPIPHANY** "Farewell to Alleluia" Sunday is an ironic reminder to us that the journey of stewards includes not only the "up" celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany, but also calls us to intentional sharing in Christ's journey to Jerusalem and the Cross. How will you strengthen your spiritual and stewardship life during this approaching Lent?

**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.

**FAMILY SERVICE / YOUTH MINISTRY SUNDAY** Today, as we do every month, we are observing the Family Service. There is no Sunday School today so that the Youth can participate in the service.

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

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN** The ECW will not meet in February.

**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, Shane, Sandy, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Andrea, Brian, Hans, Karen, Len, Charlotte, Bev, Edward, Father Jim, Grace, Thelma, Nicole, Lee, David & SPF Sean Cappellini-Boyle.*

**YOUTH ACTIVITY** All youth grades 5 and up are invited to stay after church next Sunday March 1st for an activity, snacks and social time.