

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Spirit Song”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Susan Pichoff

Leader: From water to wilderness:

**People: God’s covenant continues;
God’s kingdom comes near.**

Leader: On stone and in hearts:

**People: God’s covenant continues;
God’s kingdom comes near.**

Leader: From the ancestor of nations to the Son
lifted up:

**People: God’s covenant continues;
God’s kingdom comes near.**

Leader: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
People: for where he is, we would be also.

***HYMN** “Holy, Holy, Holy” #262

Vs. 1 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Vs. 2 – Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which
wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Vs. 3 – Holy, holy, holy!

Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou are holy—there is none beside Thee, Perfect in
the pow’r, in love and purity.

Vs. 4 – Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and
sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Be Still and Know”

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 commandments;

Help us to turn from evil in its many guises,

And turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.

In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,

And be for us, once more and always,

An ark of safety and new life.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: As Noah and his family were brought safely

Through the flood onto dry ground,

So in baptismal waters

We are brought from death into new life in Christ.

Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God,

Forgives us and reconciles us and all things

In heaven and on earth.

People: Thanks be to God for this good news!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

**please stand as you are able*

***RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri” #623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be, world without end, Amen, Amen

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8–11

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9–15

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“After the Flood”
Reverend Bert Tuggle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #435

Vs. 1 – What a Friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we

bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in
prayer!

Vs. 2 – Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble any where?

We should never be discouraged,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Vs. 3 – Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our Refuge—

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *"The Nicene Creed"*

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake was he crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *"Shall We Gather at the River?"*

***RESPONSE** *"Doxology" #625*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all

creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

SENDING

***HYMN** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #43*
Vs. 1 – Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided- Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Vs. 2 – Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Refrain

Vs. 3 – Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

***CHARGE**
Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?
People: **Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim Christ's love and grace through serving and nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *"He Is Exalted"*

Congregational meeting immediately after the service.

Welcome to Swift Church

February 18, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



We proclaim Christ's love and
grace through serving and nurturing
body, mind, and soul.

Swift Presbyterian Church

23208 Swift Church Road

Foley, AL 36535

swiftpc@gulftel.com

(251) 943-8367

www.swiftchurch.org