

# A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**9:00 A.M.                      Third Sunday in Ordinary Time                      January 22, 2012**

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anne Hantske

## VISION TEAM VIGNETTE

David Cox

## THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

The congregation is encouraged to greet one another by saying: **“The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you”** and then respond **“And also with you.”** Give special attention to those you do not know and extend a word of greeting.

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:    May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,  
**People:    so that Thy way may be known upon the earth, Thy saving power to all nations!**  
**ALL:        Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee!**

### THE HYMNS OF PRAISE

*Firm Foundation*

Jamie Harvill/Nancy Gordon

#### Chorus

Jesus You’re my firm foundation  
I know I can stand secure  
Jesus You’re my firm foundation  
I put my hope in Your holy Word  
I put my hope in Your holy Word

#### Repeat

#### Verse 1

I have a living hope (I have a living hope)  
I have a future (I have a future)  
God has a plan for me (God has a plan for me)  
Of this I’m sure (Of this I’m sure)

#### Repeat Chorus

#### Verse 2

Your Word is faithful (Your Word is faithful)  
Mighty in power (Mighty in power)  
God will deliver me (God will deliver me)  
Of this I’m sure (Of this I’m sure)

#### Repeat Chorus 3 times

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*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*  
(See Insert)

Hastings/Toplady

# WE CONFESS OUR SINS

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, we confess that our view of life is warped and distorted by our sins. We tend to see some people through the lens of our own pain and sorrow, and refuse to forgive them. We look at life through the stained window of our selfishness, and expect that everything should serve our purposes and desires. We have too frequently set our eyes upon the wrong things, and have seldom set our minds upon that which is right and good. We have allowed our view to be dictated more by the world around us than by Your Spirit within us.**

**O Lord, forgive us. Clear away all sinfulness that has obscured how we should see. Grant us Your vision to see everything more perfectly. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader:    The Lord knows our need and hears our prayers. When we humbly confess our sins, the Lord is quick to forgive us.

**People:    Our salvation comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Thanks be to the Lord for His gift of love!**

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Minister:    This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 16:16 (Pg. 18)

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Minister:    Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet.

**People:    And a light unto my path.**

Matthew 28:16-20 (Pg. 34)

### THE SERMON

*Looking Through the Window*

Rev. Philip West

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Apostles’ Creed* (Trad.), pg. 14  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the**

dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debtors)

**THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*He Is Exalted*

Twila Paris

**THE DOXOLOGY**

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. (Sing 4 times)

**THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE HYMN OF DEDICATION**

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

Michael O'Shields

**Verse**

I will call upon the Lord  
Who is worthy to be praised  
So shall I be  
Saved from my enemies

**Repeat Verse**

**Chorus**

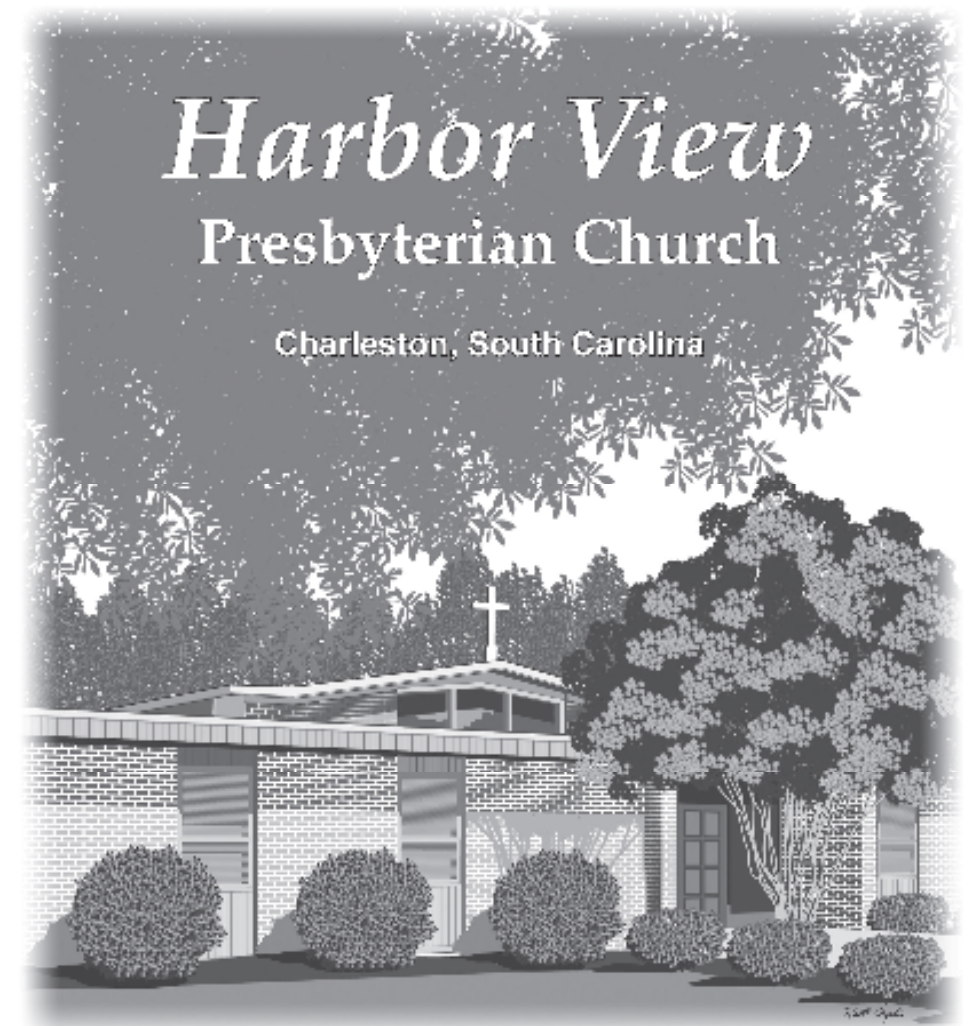
The Lord liveth  
And blessed be the Rock  
Let the God of my salvation  
Be exalted  
The Lord liveth  
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**Repeat from beginning**

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**THE BENEDICTION**

**The flowers today are given to by Cookie and John Rodgers in memory of Cookie and Barbara Atwater's mother, Ruth Stewart Elsey, whose birthday is today.**



*Come feel the warmth of God's family.*

*Dr. Philip West  
Minister*

*Dr. Gary Hill  
Music Leader*

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