

GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH  
The Worship of God  
March 7, 2010, 8:45 a.m.  
Third Sunday in Lent

**The Community of Faith Gathers**

Gathering of Worshipers

Prelude *My Savior's Love* arr. Benjamin Harlan

Welcome to Worshipers April Alston

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in praise of God,

**People: For creating the world and all its beauty,**

Leader: For redeeming the world through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**People: For sending us the gift of the Holy Spirit to encourage, instruct and sustain us.**

**All: We long for the Spirit of God to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with truth, and to equip us for service. AMEN.**

\*Invocation

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn of Praise 51 *Creator God, Creating Still* ST. ANNE

Offertory **Our Gifts to God**  
*At Calvary* arr. Ralph Manual  
Lee Webb, baritone

Offertory Prayer Doug Black

Prayers of the People Carolyn Hopkins

Reading of Scripture **Proclamation of the Word**  
Luke 13:1-9

Sermon *The Year of No Fig Preserves* Tony Cartledge

**Going Forth into the World**  
\*Hymn of Commitment 559 *Rescue the Perishing* RESCUE

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Don Hustad

\*Please stand as you are able.

The guest Minister of Music is Lee Webb.  
The pianist this morning is Patti Webb.  
The deacon of the day is Doug Black.

Welcome to worship this morning. Please take a moment to turn off all cell phones and alarms, so all who are present have an opportunity to worship.

We welcome to our pulpit this morning Tony W. Cartledge. Dr. Cartledge teaches at Campbell University in the area of Old Testament. He is the author of *Vows in the Old Testament and the Ancient Near East, 1 & 2 Samuel* (for the Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary), and *Intrigued, How I Love to Proclaim It*. He is co-author, with his wife, Jan, of *A Whole New World: Life After Bethany*, and *Job: Into the Fire, Out of the Ashes*. His most recent book, *Tall Tales and Deep Truths*, was published in 2008. His next book, a collection of Bible studies called *Sessions with 1 & 2 Samuel*, will be out later this year.

Dr. Cartledge is Contributing Editor for *Baptists Today*, a national, autonomous news journal. Previously, Dr. Cartledge was Editor/President of the *Biblical Recorder*, a news journal related to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, for almost nine years. Prior to that, he served as pastor of five churches during a 26-year period, with the last 10 years being at Woodhaven Baptist Church near Apex and Cary, N.C. He is the husband of Rev. Jan Rush Cartledge and is father of Russ, Bethany, and Samuel.