

GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH
The Worship of God
March 7, 2010, 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday in Lent

The Community of Faith Gathers

Introit

Prelude *Christ, the Life of All the Living* Flor Peters

*Call to Worship April Alston

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.

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

*Invocation

Welcome to Worship

*Passing of the Peace

Our Gifts to God

Prayers of the People C.J. Bagley

*♦Hymn of Sacrifice 591 *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling* ELLESDIE

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

*Presentation of the Offering 252 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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.

*Offertory Prayer Doug Black

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *Sinnuh Man* Potter

Reading of Scripture 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.

♦During the singing of the Hymn of Sacrifice, children ages 4 or 5 may meet at the front of the Sanctuary to be taken to Children's Worship in the Kindergarten Classroom, Building B. Parents may meet them there following worship.

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.