

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

"Amazing Grace"

Hobby

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

***His life is the light of all people.***

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

***The true light has come into the world.***

\* Hymn 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Gracious God,***

***we are people who love darkness rather than light.***

***We hide our shameful deeds and flaunt our acts of virtue.***

***We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.***

***We are reluctant to stand before the light of your glory.***

***Forgive us, we pray.***

***Bring us into your light,***

***that we may see ourselves honestly,***

***that we may know ourselves loved,***

***that we may live more fruitful lives.***

***Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin,***

***and shine upon us with your grace.***

***We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Response: "O Lord, Have Mercy" (Hymnal 578)

***O Lord, have mercy . . . have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, have mercy . . . have mercy on us.***

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

*During Lent, we will refrain from singing alleluias.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (OT p. 259)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (Hymnal 801)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: John 9:24-41 (NT, p. 103)

Sermon: "The Problem With Seeing Clearly"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 450 "Be Thou My Vision"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

arr. Crisafulli

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Congregational Amen (Hymnal 601)
- \* Postlude "Andante" Rheinberger  
*During Lent, we invite you to remain seated until the Postlude is complete,  
as a way to meditate upon the meaning of the season.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

*The flowers this morning have been given to the Glory of God by Janet Stansbury.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Tyler Kusma
Ushers	Anne Deremer, Anne Rich
Welcomer	Janet Dobson



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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The LORD  
does not see  
as mortals see;  
they look on  
the outward appearance,  
but  
the LORD  
looks on  
the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7