

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "What Wondrous Love Is This?" arr. Johnson

Call to Worship  
He came singing Love;  
**He lived singing Love.**  
He died singing Love;  
**He rose in silence.**  
If the song is to continue  
**We must do the singing.**

\* Hymn 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us,  
who could live, who could stand?  
We seem to have more faith in death  
than hope in your promise of life.  
We seek peace through war  
and find security in weapons.  
We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying,  
and pursue wealth by making others poor.  
And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you!  
Therefore we worship you;  
for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death  
and redeem us from our sin.**

\* Silent Confession

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

**O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;  
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on me.  
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;  
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on me.**

\* 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: I Corinthians 5:6b-8 (NT, p. 168)

Psalter: Psalm 1 (Hymnal 457)

A Time with Children

Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Sherman

Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:31-35 (NT, p. 66)

Sermon: "April Fools" Dr. Eelman

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 157 "I Danced in the Morning" verses 1, 2, and 3

\* Affirmation of Faith: Part 2 *A Brief Statement of Faith* (Hymnal p. 37)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Kimball

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Words of Institution  
Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.*

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn 547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Congregational Amen (Hymnal 601)
- \* Postlude "Da Jesus an dem Kreuze Stund" arr. Dupre  
*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 by Gerry Conklin to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her son, Dale.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Guest Preacher	Rev. Dr. Brent Eelman
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist / Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Ushers	Gayle Hamilton and Sara Ann Hosier
Welcomer	Janet Stansbury
Communion Servers	Heather Acker, Adrienne Horger, Gwynne Gilbert, Warren Acker



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*



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### ***I Corinthians 5:6b-8***

Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### **Luke 7:31-35**

“To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.’ For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”