

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "How Great Thou Art" arr. Hobby

Call to Worship

The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

But to us it is the power of God!

We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

***The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.***

* Hymn 402 "How Lovely, Lord"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.***

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie James MacMillan
Leader: Lord, have mercy. People: ***Lord, have mercy.***
Christ, have mercy. ***Christ, have mercy.***
Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: John 2:13-22 (NT, p. 93)

A Time with Children

Anthem "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NT, p. 166)

Sermon: "Foolish Wisdom and Weak Power" Rev. Carter
Lenten sermon series: The Word of the Cross

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "Where Charity and Love Prevail" arr. Burkhardt

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Hymnal, pp. 8-12)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
* Charge and Benediction
* Congregational Amen (Hymnal 601)

* Postlude "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" arr. Hegarty

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning are dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of the life of The Rev. Virginia Miner and her work to further the kingdom of God.

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	David Naehar
Ushers	Steve Selige, Hadley Gilbert
Welcomer	Jay Clymer
Communion Servers	David Naehar, captain; John Conklin, Meg Hatch, Bill Davis, Lee Wirth

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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1 Corinthians 1:25

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