

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday in Lent

March 06, 2016

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Cantabile" Locatelli

Call to Worship from Psalm 32

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

Blessed are those in whom there is no deceit.

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

* Hymn 385 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
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.

We take your blessing for granted

and squander our inheritance.

We boast of our good works

and resent your great mercy to others.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Let us no longer be lost in our sin.

Help us to find our way home to you,

where you welcome us with open arms;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Response: "Lord, Have Mercy" (Hymnal 579)

1) Lord, have mercy 2) Christ, have mercy 3) Lord, have mercy

* 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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NT, p. 181)

A Time with Children

Anthem "My Lord, What a Mourning" arr. Vicki Smith

Sermon Lesson: Luke 15:1-7, 11-32 (NT, p. 78)

Sermon: "Joy Returns to the Neighborhood" Rev. Virginia Miner

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

* Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement, sections 1 and 3 (Hymnal, p. 37)

A Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "Siciliana" Benjamin

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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 503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Pastorale" Wesley

During Lent, we invite you to remain seated until the Postlude is complete,
as a way to meditate upon the meaning of the season.

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. Virginia Miner
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Oboist	Tom Heinze
Liturgist	David Naeher
Ushers	Marsha Parrish, Laura Schillinger
Welcomers	Chris, Jen, and Crosby Sekol

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Rev. Carter is out of town until next Monday, March 14. In case of pastoral emergency, contact Rev. Virginia Miner at 357-2226, or Rev. Ken Forbes at 343-6807.

His father saw him and...ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20

