

# First Presbyterian Church



SUNDAY  
IN LENT

February 18, 2018  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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Prelude

*Adagio for Strings*

Samuel Barber

\*\*Processional

Bronwen Burch & Carter Bowles

Greetings

\*\*Bell Introit

*Nocturn No. 2 in F Minor*  
James Ringers

Cynthia Dobrinski

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Gather round, we have come for worship.

**People: We may have come as dry and thirsty souls longing for refreshment and hope.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, may the Holy Spirit come upon us now.

**People: In our worship, may we be blessed and may we find the joy of eternal life.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, we thank you for this season of Lent, when you invite us to come, to examine, to confess, to be renewed and healed. Grant us courage to set aside easy answers and quick fixes. Draw us to your word that transforms us. Enable us to see past the instant satisfaction of our wants that we may choose instead the grace of your presence. Strengthen our faith that we may trust you rather than the false and empty promises of our age. Thank you for walking this Lenten journey with us. May we emerge from it prepared to serve you with renewed passion and joy.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

No. 84

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, forgive us for all that spoils our lives. We have seen your holiness and we have easily put it at the back of our minds. Forgive us because we think we can earn a place in your affections, and so easily forget that the place has been bought for us at a great price by Christ. Forgive us because we think we have only to go on as we are, and all will be well, when really we need to change as radically as if we had been born again. Forgive us our complacency, our lack of obedience to your call. Have mercy upon us, O God.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. We cannot outlive it, outgrow it, or blow it so badly that God's forgiving loves does not reach us and cleanse us. This is good news! Hear and receive it and leave as God's beloved, made whole and new.

**Amen.**

\*Song of Thanksgiving

*Gloria Patri*

No. 579

\*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*\*\* (The children may come forward during The Peace.)*

\*\*Time with the Children

First Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17

Anthem

*To You I Call*

Dale Grotenhuis

*To you I call, O Lord, my rock.  
Hear me, hear my cry for mercy;  
Hear as I call to you for help.  
He hears my cry for mercy;  
My heart leaps for joy!  
I will give him thanks in song.*

Second Reading

I Peter 3: 18-22

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The One and Only Original Sin ”

Pastor Judy Connors

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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Stephanie Bird-Hutchison

\*\*Tammi Schulte

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Lamb of God*

W.A. Mozart

Gretchen Bixler, Soprano

*O Lamb of God who gave Thy life for us,  
And who gladly did endure the cross for all the world to live.  
O may be all remember Thy love with steadfast faith,  
And take us to Thine heaven in peace to dwell with Thee.*

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

No. 538

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

\*\*Recessional

\*Postlude

*Fugue*

Johann Pachelbel

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

\*\*denotes 10:45 a.m. service

### Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor  
Parish Associate  
Director of Music  
Organist

Brent O. Johnston  
Judy Conners  
Steve Bixler  
Mark Sweeney