

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016

10:00 a.m.

that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

* Silent Confession

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

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

During Lent, we will refrain from singing alleluias.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott" arr. Kimball

Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

Whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;

Of whom then shall I be afraid?

* Hymn 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven,
but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.**

**We have let our desire for security restrain
our commitment to serve the poor.**

**We have let our fear of danger
curb your command to love our enemies.**

**We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy.
We have let our craving for public status**

prevent our honesty about hidden sins.

**Yet, you know the desires of our heart; nothing is hidden from
you.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,
conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ,**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NT, p. 198)

Psalter: Psalm 27 (Hymnal 842)

A Time with Children

Anthem "God So Loved The World" J. Stainer

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35 (NT, p. 77)

Sermon: "Jesus, the Mother Hen" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 440 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "Hamburg" arr. John Carter

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 846 "Fight the Good Fight"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Aberystwyth”

arr. Simmons

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

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| Pastor | William Carter |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | Frank Jones |
| Ushers | Mary Parry, Valerie Treadway |
| Welcomers | Jack and Barbara Pittman |

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**Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of
the Lord.**

Luke 13:35

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"