

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

"The Lord is My Light"
Alleluia Choir

Bedford

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 744 "Arise, Your Light is Come"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

we confess we have been unfaithful in our thoughts and actions.

We have been selfish in our desires

and quarrelsome in our relationships.

We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different,

and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.

Shine your light into our darkened hearts.

Save us from our divisive ways.

Unite us in the same mind as Christ Jesus,

who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 583 "Glory to God"

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!
Glory to God! Glory to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Special Music

"Noah"
Chapel Choir

Hehn & Burrows

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4 (OT p. 638)

Psalter: Psalm 27 (Hymnal 842)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23 (NT p. 3)

Sermon: "Light in the Shadows"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Jesus Calls Us"

arr. Wood

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 170

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (Hymnal 601)
- * Postlude "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" arr. Wold

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Jack Matechak to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo Anne Evans Ramsden Matechak.

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	Members of the Chapel Choir
Ushers	Gwynne Gilbert, Greg Matthews
Welcomers	Char and Fred Lyon



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left

their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.