

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Howard County

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*Confirmation*

*March 13, 2016*

*10:30 a.m.*

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## GATHERING

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

*Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.*

*Where you see an asterisk (\*) please stand if you are able.*

Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.*

### **For Meditation before Worship** *(for personal use before worship)*

*I love the recklessness of faith. First you leap, then you grow wings.*

*William Sloane Coffin*

### Gathering Music

The Gift of Love  
*The Handbell Choir*

*arr. Hal Hopson*

### Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### Lighting the Christ Candle

Forgetting what lies behind  
and straining forward to what lies ahead,  
we press on toward the goal.

**Things we once treasured are worthless  
compared to the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus!**

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

**Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.**

## Prayer for Sunday Morning

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Creator God, you have formed us as your own.

**You have formed us, restored us and called us,**

**so that whether we are weeping or laughing,**

**dreaming or shouting for joy,**

**we are always coming home to you.**

**For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

\* **Hymn 339**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift Every Voice*

## Call to Confession

### A Sung Prayer for Mercy 577

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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### A Spoken Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**we confess to you that we have sinned**

**in thought, word and deed,**

**by what we have done**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you**

**with all our heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Create in us clean hearts, as, in your sight,**

**we unburden ourselves of guilt, of anger, of fear, of pride,**

**of hardness of heart, of weakness of intention...**

*(We take time for quiet, personal prayer...)*

Jesus, Son of Mary

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Savior of the World,

**Have mercy on us.**

Christ, King of Glory:

**Be with us and for us, wherever life takes us.**

In the common path of our calling

whether it be easy or uneasy to tread,

whether it be bright or dark to follow,

let your perfect guidance protect us.

**Be a shield against all that might deceive us,**

**be a healer for all that might harm us,**

**be a witness of all that might trouble us,**

**be a friend to all who are dear to us,**

**this day and until we meet in glory.**

**Amen.**

## Assurance of Grace

### \* Response of Praise (singing together)

*I Will Sing a Song of Love*

I will sing a song of love to the one who first loved me, and I'll  
sing it as a child of God who is named and known and free. For the  
love of God is good. It is broad and deep and long. And a -  
bove all else that matters most God is wor - thy of my song.

### \* Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet each other with signs of peace and reconciliation.  
A touch on the shoulder, a nod, a bow – can be a substitute  
for handshakes to hinder the spread of the flu.*

### \* Response of Praise (singing together)

*Let There Be Love and Understanding*

Let there be love and understanding among us,  
Let peace and friendship be our shelter from the storm.

## Words of Welcome

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.  
Newcomers please leave us your address and phone number!  
Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.*

# THE WORD

## Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson:**           Philippians 3:4b-14

*Page 954; pew Bible*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play.  
Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.*

*Older children, grades 2-5, may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to  
The Worship Bridge. They will return to worship later in the service.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.

**Second Lesson:** John 12:1-8

*Page 874; pew Bible*

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Morton Harris*

Life in the Lost and Found: Lost and Invisible  
*(after the sermon, we observe a time of silence and prayer)*

## RESPONDING

\* **Hymn 626**

As the Deer

*As the Deer*

*(We will sing two additional verses not printed in the hymnal.  
Please refer to the wall projection for verses.)*

### Concerns and Remembrances

#### Confirmation of Baptism

##### Presentation of the Confirmands

##### Profession of Faith

Caroline Crawford	Carter Jensen	Kaela Wilson
Julia Hagen	Ava Lamberty	Edmund Woods
Samuel Hightower	Bridget Lang	Jon Woods
Chisom Ihuoma	Emma Orloff	Mary Woods

##### Questions to the Congregation

##### Presentation of Gifts

**Hymn 726** Will You Come and Follow Me/The Summons *Kelvingrove*  
*(The congregation will remain seated as we sing the hymn,  
until all are directed to stand.)*

\* **Affirmation of Faith** *(together)* *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of  
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Offering

### Offertory Anthem

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love     *Douglas Wagner*  
*The Handbell Choir*

## SENDING

### This Week at First Presbyterian Church

\* **Hymn 543**     God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me     *Green Tyler*

\* **Closing Responses**

We journey with Christ.

**Christ before me, Christ beside me,  
Christ behind me, Christ beneath me.**

As we walk

**Christ, be our way.**

As we learn

**Christ, be our truth.**

As we grow

**Christ, be our life.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Response 205** (*singing together*)

*Live in Charity*

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

\* **Postlude**



**WORSHIP NOTES:** During Lent, we are singing a Kyrie as part of our time of confession at the 10:30am service. Kyrie eleison is a Greek phrase which means Lord, have mercy. It is one of the oldest prayers of the Christian community, and is prayed as both confession and thanksgiving – celebrating what God has done, what God is doing, and what God will continue to do. This prayer is sung or said in Greek today in many churches for which Greek is not their first language – particularly in the Coptic (Egyptian) Church. We are singing the Kyrie this season to join the stream of Christians who have prayed this prayer from the first century, and in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Coptic Church.

The setting of the Kyrie we are singing is from Ghana by way of Nigeria! Dinah Reindorf, a Nigerian musician, composed it while participating in a World Council of Churches consultation on music in Ghana.

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.*

## During Today's Worship

**Please turn all cell phones to "silent" when in the Sanctuary.**

**Large print bulletins (including hymns and scripture readings) and individual listening devices** are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

**If your infant or child needs care** or becomes too restless during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

**Worship programs for children** include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services; *The Worship Bridge* for older children (grades 2-5) at the 10:30 a.m. service, except on Communion Sunday.

**Worship folders and crayons for children** are at the ushers' table in The Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave. *White bulletins* for children ages three to six; *Gray bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve.

## If you are new to First Church

**Please sign our Ritual of Friendship**, the red pad in the pew.

**Communion** is served on the first Sunday of each month.

**Disabled persons entrance** is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

**We invite you to attend the Discipleship Hour** after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for conversation and fellowship in Lyle Buck Hall.

**We invite you to become a member** of First Church. Please speak with Morton or Sue or call the church office to set a time to meet.

## First Church Cares

**To notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; to request a Stephen Minister; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ruth Bell or Pastor Morton.

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