

First Presbyterian Church
March 9, 2014, 11:00 a.m. ~ Morning Worship
Janet Gruhn - Organist

Prelude: "God of Grace" Manz

Greetings and Opening Prayer
Please sign an attendance card and pass it down the row.

Introit "Were you There" Handbell Choir

Call to Worship: Marcus Geist, Liturgist

Leader: God, we have come here today seeking your light

**All: Though we seek you out under the cover of darkness, you
Call us to step out into the light.**

Leader: Though we try to hide our true selves from you,

All: You open our souls to the light.

Leader: We want to see what only you can show us.

All: You heal our spiritual blindness so that we can see the light.

Leader: Jesus calls us out from the darkness of the grave, saying,
"Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for
they see by the world's light.

**All: "...It is when a person walks at night that they stumble,
for they have no light."**

Leader: We are all equally humble, all equally beloved by God.

All: Let your light lead us all on your path. Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" #27

Time of Reconciliation

Leader: God is light, and in God is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

All: But if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and Jesus calls all of us out of the darkness and into the light

Leader: So let us confess our sins to God, knowing that God is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

Moment of Confession

Sisters and Brothers, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

✠ Response *Gloria Patri* #805

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen

✠ Passing of the Peace

Handbell Choir "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Norman

The Word

Word with Children

Choral Anthem "Lest I Forget Thy Love" Courtney Chancel Choir

First Scripture John 1:1-14 (page 1049)

Second Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 (page 957)

Sermon Pastor Matt Schultz

The Response

✠ Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #539

