

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**March 16, 2014, 11:00 a.m. ~ Morning Worship**  
**Jan Gruhn - Organist**

Prelude: *“Adagio in G Minor”* Albinoni

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 *“God Has Spoken by His Prophets”* #311

**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

**The Word**

Word with Children

Choral Anthem *“O Love Divine”* Hudson  
Chancel Choir

First Scripture Psalm 51:1-6, 10-12 (page 562)

Second Scripture John 3:1-10, 16-17 (pages 1051-1052)

Sermon Pastor Matt Schultz

**The Response**

✠ Hymn *“O Word of God Incarnate”* #310

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                                    “O Dearest Jesus”                                    Brahams

✠ Response                                    *Doxology*                                    #809  
**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

*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.*

✠ Hymn                                    “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”                                    #531

**The Sending and ✠ Benediction**

Postlude                                    “Solemn March”                                    Mendelssohn

✠ = Congregation Standing

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