

First Presbyterian Church
March 19th, 11:00 am – Morning Worship
Matthew Schultz – Pastor
David Hagen – Music Director
Jan Gruhn – Organist

Prelude: “O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall” J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Schultz

Introit Chancel Choir

✠ **Hymn:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” #557

Time for Reconciliation Liturgist Diana Rotkis

Leader: God, we convince ourselves that we need not bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry. We tell ourselves that the stranger, the widow, and the orphan will get by without us.

All: The truth of Christ is to care for all.

Leader: We convince ourselves that it's best to satisfy our own needs and desires; to take care of ourselves first.

All: The truth of Christ is that we must always serve others.

Leader: We convince ourselves not to worry about the evil that we have done, nor about the good that we have left undone.

All: The truth of Christ is that we are called to a new life, striving for Christlike holiness.

Leader: We convince ourselves that God will meet us with wrath.

All: The truth of Christ is that in Jesus, we are forgiven.

Leader: We pause now for a moment of silent confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness (from John 8:31-32)

To those who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: 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 the Peace

Kid's Time

Choral Anthem “Speak and We Will Hear”

Scripture John 8:21-38 Page 1059
John 14:1-14 Page 1067
John 18:33-40 Page 1072

Sermon “What is Truth?” Rev. Matthew Schultz

✠ **Hymn** “O God, Who Gives to Humankind” #399

Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Gifts can also be offered via our website)

Offertory “Lamb of God, Our Savior” J.S. Bach

Response

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

Pastor Prayer / 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** “Break Thou the Bread of Life” #315

Benediction

Chancel Choir

Postlude:

"When on the Cross the Savior Hung"

J.S. Bach

"Speak and We Will Hear"

*Silently, quietly, Lord, we feel you near.
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.
Search us, Lord, know us, Lord,
In Your Word show us, Lord,
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.*

In the stillness of this hour
Let us feel Your presence strong.
In the silence of Your temple, Lord,
Let us hear Your Spirit's song.

Silently, quietly, Lord, we feel you near...

****ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS****

There is a **directory** located in the Narthex, please review your information, if any changes or if you wished to be added to the directory, please fill out the form located next to it and return to the office. This directory will be available by April 1st as soon as any updates are taken care of.

Lillie Berry Circle will meet on Monday, March 27th from 1pm -3pm in the church library. The study is: You are loved. New ladies are invited! Any questions please call Lois 344-1858 or Betty 277-3384.

A-Men lunch is Thursday, March 23th, at 12:00pm (noon) at Denny's on the corner of Denali and Benson.

The Anchorage Southern Sudanese community is holding a meeting and fundraiser on March 25, 2017 at 5pm through the evening here at FPC in the Fellowship Hall.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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