

# First Presbyterian Church



April 13, 2017

**SHARE** the amazing love  
of God

**REFLECT** the light of Jesus  
Christ

**LIVE** and serve joyfully  
in the Spirit's  
power

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Prelude

Edna Broadhurst, Organist

**\* The Call to Worship**

How shall we repay you, Lord, for all Your goodness to us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

We are your servants, Lord; help us to celebrate this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

**Help us to fulfill all You intend for us as members of the community of God.**

**\* Hymn #836**

**“Abide with Me”**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession** – Followed by a time of silence

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken; we confess that we fail to fulfill Your will. Though You have bound Yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. In Jesus Christ You serve us freely, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love You fully or love one another as You command. In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to Your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

Assurance of God’s Grace

The inestimable mercy of God is not diminished by the wavering strength of our faith nor by our capacity for joy. The mercy of God is poured upon us, faithful and faithless, joyful and joyless alike, that all may come to know the boundless love of God. Friends, believe and accept the good news:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**



...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**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 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

Stripping the Table

\* Benediction

***Please leave the sanctuary in silence.***

