

**First Presbyterian Church**  
*Order of Worship – March 22, 2019*

**Prelude** *“Forever Reign”* Ingram

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Shine On Us* **Smith**

Lord let Your light, Light of Your face shine on us (Repeat)  
That we may be saved; that we may have life.  
To find our way in the darkest night...Let Your light shine on us!

Lord let Your love, Love with no end come over us (Repeat)  
That we may be saved; that we may have life.  
To find our way in the darkest night... Let Your love come over us.  
Let Your light shine on us!

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison) **Psalm 23**

The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us For our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus Thou hast bought us, Thine we are (Repeat)

We are Thine, who Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus Hear Thy children when we pray (Repeat)

+ **Prayer of Adoration** (Please respond with ***“We will turn on the light.”*** )

When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God...  
When we cannot find our way back to love and peace...  
When our vision dims due to the darkness within...  
Christ open our eyes with the gift of sight. The light of the world is Jesus Christ.  
Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.  
**Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world! “We will turn on the light!”**

## Call to Confession and Prayer

**Prayer of Illumination:** Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***Malachi 3:8-10***

***2 Corinthians 8:1-4, 7***

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

**Message**

**"Open Doors: This Grace of Giving"**

Rev. Chan Willis

***"What a friend we have in Jesus; All our sins and griefs to bear  
And what a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer"***

**Sharing of Prayer Concerns and "The Lord's Prayer"**

*In Grace Alone*

Nelson/Brown

**Every promise we can make; Every prayer and step of faith  
Every diff'rence we will make Is only by His grace  
Every mountain we will climb; Every ray of hope we shine  
Every blessing left behind Is only by His grace  
(CHORUS)**

***Grace alone which God supplies; Strength unknown He will provide.  
Christ in us our Cornerstone; We will go forth in grace alone***

**Every soul we long to reach; Every heart we hope to teach  
Everywhere we share His peace; Is only by His grace  
Every loving word we say; Every tear we wipe away  
Every sorrow turned to praise Is only by His grace  
(CHORUS)**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

**As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by God's grace. Please join me as we, in silence, confess our sins... the ways that have hurt the hearts of one another, and hurt the heart of our God**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life.**

**As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.**

**We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.**

**CHARGE: Go peaceably, looking upon the hearts of others. Live in Christ's light, even in the darkest valley. Trust that he is able to open your eyes, enabling you to walk by faith in his name.**