



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 2, 2025

Interim Moderator: Rev. Robert Lyle 902-549-6411

Clerk of Session: Jan Alchorn

Music Director: Linda Giddens

Today's speaker Rev Maryann Skinner

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship:

One: The church lives to praise God.

All: We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday.

One: Through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments, in praise, prayer, teaching and fellowship, God sustains the life of the church.

All: We worship God, offering ourselves in the service of Christ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit

Worship in Music: Spirit of the living God SoG 157 (2x)

Opening Prayer

God of grace and God of glory, you reveal your presence to the world in radiant glory and gentle whispers, on mountain tops and lowly plains, in classrooms and hospital beds, in homes and churches, in the silence of nature and the sounds of cities. Yours is the presence that pushes past our fears, yours is the touch that transforms our doubts. We come before you to celebrate your goodness, to focus on your light, and offer you all praise, honour and thanksgiving, for you are our God and we are your people, now and always.

In your mercy, hear us as we confess our sins: God of mercy and forgiveness, facing the light of your goodness, we confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness. We are distracted by the desire to have more than we need. We focus on our own disappointments rather than trust the future you create. We feel discouraged by the pandemic and fail to claim the hope you hold out to us in Christ. Transfigure us by your grace, and shape us into disciples who follow Christ's leading each day. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Worship in Music: Fairest Lord Jesus

BP 232

GOD'S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for understanding:

God of all wisdom and truth, we seek your guidance as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted today.

Send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts, to give us fresh understanding and a renewed commitment to follow your Word. Amen

Responsive Reading: Psalm 99

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a) Pg.733

Worship in Music: "To God be the glory" BP 73

Sermon: "Highs and Lows"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering and Offertory

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God's People and The Lord's Prayer

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed BP 616

Worship in Music: "This little light of mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (2x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

1. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. (2x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. (2x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (2x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude

Mission Moment

Josseling, an extroverted and enthusiastic 16-year-old, is committed and eager to get ahead. Beginning at 5 a.m., she and her mother have a stall selling fruits and vegetables at the Roberto Huembes Market in Nicaragua. Josseling attended entrepreneurship workshops run by PWS&D's partner, which helped her establish her successful market stall. One of Josseling's key principles is that "no one can leave the stand without buying," so she carefully considers her customers' budgets, asks about their specific needs, and adjusts the ingredients accordingly. This way, they can afford their purchases and will likely return to her for their next market visit. In addition to her market job, Josseling attends school, where she is currently a senior and dreams of becoming a doctor.

Upcoming Services

Mar 9	- Bob Lyle	1 st	Sunday in Lent
Mar 16	- Brad Little	2 nd	Sunday in Lent
Mar 23	- Maryann Skinner	3 rd	Sunday in Lent (Fellowship)
Mar 30	- Bob Lyle	4 th	Sunday in Lent