

*St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church*

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Sunday, March 16, 2025

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

Clerk of Session: Jan Alchorn

Music Director: Linda Giddens

Today’s speaker Rev. Dr. Brad Little

 THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

 OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship:

See Insert

Worship in Music:    BP 328 (vv. 1,2,5))  – Stand up, and bless the Lord

Prayers of Approach and Confession:

Our Gracious and Loving God, ever creating, ever loving, ever leading: when things around us feel chaotic, You are peace. When so much we hear is not reliable, Your word is truth. When we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety, Your presence is freedom. When we feel bereft and helpless, Your love gives us hope. We bring You our prayers and our praise this day, for You reveal Yourself to us in the goodness of creation, in the love and mercy of Christ, Your beloved Son, and through the energizing guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. We worship You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One. Gracious God of infinite compassion, We are creatures who seek our own comfort. We confess that we prefer our own plans to Your purposes. We shrink from costly discipleship and put our own interests first.  Forgive our fleeting commitment and the times we have indulged our own complaints. Have mercy on us. Inspire us with the resolve to do your will and serve our neighbours in the example of Christ, Your Son and our Lord. In His Name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends in Christ, while it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love poured out in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

Worship in Music: BoP 385(vv. 1-3) - Jesus shall reign

GOD’S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE

First Reading: Luke 13:31-35 Pg.739

Responsive Reading:  Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy.  I will sing and make music to the Lord.

7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

8 My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

10 Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

11 Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Third Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 Pg.828

Sermon:  “Choosing our Citizenship”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Worship in Music: BP 134 Joy to the world!

Offering and Offertory

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

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

Confession of Faith: BoP 616 - The Apostles Creed

Worship in Music:“I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart!”

Benediction and Choral Amen

**Upcoming Services**

Mar23- Maryann Skinner 3rd Sunday in Lent (Fellowship)

Mar 30 -Bob Lyle 4th Sunday in Lent

April 6 -Brad Little 5th Sunday in Lent

April 13 – Maryann Skinner – Palm Sunday