



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2009

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.  
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care  
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.  
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

VOLUNTARY Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness *arr. Gerhard Krapf*  
Fred Gaul, organist

MARKING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT The Shepherd's Psalm *J. Wayne Kerr*  
Capella Bell Choir  
Carole Carter, narrator; Marilyn Wrenn, flute;  
Sarah Lynch, director

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION Bill McCoy

\*RESPONSE Thy Word *words: Amy Grant*  
(See insert) *music: Michael W. Smith*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Barbara Hopta

Jesus chose to take the lonely, dangerous road to Jerusalem.  
**We identify our reluctance to take the unknown path.**  
Jesus was pressured by the disciples to stay out of harm's way.  
**We identify our temptation to avoid the path of right and justice.**  
Jesus knew that powerful ones were conspiring to silence Him.  
**We identify our call to faith, when facing the trials and hard places of life.**

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Barbara Hopta

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, and greet each other by name.  
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00) Barbara Hopta

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\*HYMN 177 Lift Up the Gates Eternal ISRAELI FOLK MELODY



