

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

10:30 AM

\* *Stand if you are able*

**Bold:** *Said by all*

*All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.*

*Musical Prelude*

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship:**

(see insert)

\* Gathering Hymn: *"As The Deer"*

(#27)

**Prayer of Approach:**

**Call to Confession:**

**Prayer of Confession** (from Augustine's *Confessions*):

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Anthem: *"Psalm 96"*

(Dave & Jean Perry)

\*Children's Hymn: *"Who Made the Earth and the Heaven"* (#339)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

**Prayer for Illumination** (in unison):

Gracious God,

in rushing waters and in dry wilderness,

in every season and circumstance,

we need your sustaining word.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,

proclaim the good news among us today

so that we may repent and believe

and see anew how the time is fulfilled

and the kingdom has come near;

in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Scriptures**

**Genesis 9:8-17**

**Psalm 25:1-10**

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

**Mark 1:9-15**

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Silent Reflection*

**OUR RESPONSE**

\* Hymn of Response: *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* (#330)

\* **Declaration of Faith (in unison):**

Lenten Creed from Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,  
who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God  
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,  
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,  
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,  
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.**

**Amen**

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

\* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**SENDING**

\* Parting Hymn: *"Be Thou My Vision"* (#461)

\* Benediction:

\* *"Go Now In Peace"*

\* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude