

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 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

* Gathering Hymn: *"You Are Before Me, Lord"* (#101)
(sung to the tune of *"Highland Cathedral"*)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Forgive our wrongdoing:

things we have done knowingly;

and things we have left undone;

hurts we have inflicted unintentionally,

and hurts we have tried to hide.

Forgive our acts of selfishness,

harmful things we have done to please others,

or to please ourselves.

Help us choose a better way.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem: *"Trust in God"*

(J. Paul Williams/James Koerts)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

*Children's Hymn: *"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

(#634)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes,

our hearts, and our minds to your Holy Word

so that when it penetrates us we don't just perceive it,

but fully receive it,
being transformed further into your image.
Amen.

Scriptures

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)
1 Corinthians 6:12–20
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18
John 1:43–51

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"* (#753)
(sung to the tune of *"Aurelia"*)

Declaration of Faith: Living Faith 8.1.1-8.1.3 (in unison)

Disciples of Christ are called to obedience.

Jesus said: "If you love me, keep my commandments."

Obedience involves us totally.

Yet as we give ourselves to him we discover
that his service alone brings true freedom.

Life in Christ is formed in a believing community,
and expressed in daily living.

We are to bring Christ's healing presence
to the world for which he died,
his peace to its pain and anguish.

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Life in Christ brings joy, liberty, glory.
But it also brings conflict
with unbelief, fear, and temptation.

Throughout our lives
we struggle with disheartening difficulties.
Yet the Holy Spirit helps us
and gives us power to grow in Christ.

While we are far from perfect
yet our lives can be pleasing to God
and helpful to others.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology

(#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"God of Mercy, God of Grace"*

(#39)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now In Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude