

**MANY THANKS** to Valley Deacons (and friends) who provided and served the March 16 Soup Kitchen meal at Bud Clark Commons.

**LIBRARY BOOK SALE** in Davis Hall/Gym April 2 after 10:00 AM worship. Bring donated books for sale to the church office or library during March. The proceeds will go towards new library materials.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** will be received during worship on April 9. The offering is divided among three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

**ORDER LILIES FOR EASTER:** Lilies will grace the sanctuary on Easter. If you would like to order a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, you may make a donation of \$15.00 for each lily ordered. Please indicate "lilies" on your check with the name you wish to honor, and place the envelope in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations and names must be in the office by Monday, April 10.

**CROP HUNGER WALK:** April 30 at First Christian Church, 1314 SW Park Ave., Portland starting at 1:30 PM. This year, 25% of funds raised will benefit the local work of NE Emergency Food Program and Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. The remaining 75% will assist groups around the world, including those who have been displaced in recent years. Registration will take place during coffee fellowship or online. Look for Team Valley at [www.crophungerwalk.org/portlandor](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/portlandor). For more information, see Andrea Murdoch.

**IT'S TIME FOR FLOWERS IN THE ENTRY!** A calendar is available for you to sign up to provide flowers for the front entry. Vases and water are available in the workroom, as is reimbursement for your expense.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
March 26-April 2, 2017		
<b>SUNDAY, March 26</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	<b>TUESDAY, March 28</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting <b>WEDNESDAY, March 29</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group <b>THURSDAY, March 30</b> 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir <b>FRIDAY, March 31</b> 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group	<b>SUNDAY, April 2</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday Funday 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Library Book Sale 4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir
<b>MONDAY, March 27</b> 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 11:30 AM Century Club General Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:30 PM Scout Pack 592		

**LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 2**  
*Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45*

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP



**MARCH 26, 2017 † 10:00 AM**  
❖ *Please stand as you are able*  
**Bold Text is spoken by everyone**

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**SCRIPTURE FOR GATHERING** from Psalm 27  
 God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**PRELUDE** *Souls of the Righteous* T. Tertius Noble

**ACOLYTES** Georgia Hoffbeck and Lars Hoffbeck

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*Please pass and sign the friendship folders.*

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 32  
 Be glad in God, and rejoice.  
**Shout for joy, all faithful souls!**

❖ **OPENING HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No 263

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Boyle, Liturgist

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

**KYRIE**      *"Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy."*      Nº 2275  
*Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.*  
*Christe, Christe, eleison. Christe, Christe, eleison.*  
*Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison... eleison.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Be glad and rejoice! Grace abounds for everyone.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## THE PEACE

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

❖ *Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ* ❖

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**      *(sing twice)*      Nº 2226  
*Bind us together, Lord,*  
*Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.*  
*Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Lord.*  
*Bind us together in Love.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**      Laurel Cluthe

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**      *Josephine Zella Evans Peters*  
Daughter of Sara (Paroulek) and Graham Evans Peters

❖ **HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**      *Child of Blessing*      Nº 498

**ANTHEM**      *God So Loved the World*      Sir John Stainer

**SCRIPTURE**      *John 9:1-12*      New Testament, p. 102  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**      *Blind Faith*      Ben Paroulek



## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

**OFFERTORY**      *Adagio in E*      Felix Mendelssohn

❖ *Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass* ❖

❖ **DOXOLOGY**      Nº 592  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

❖ **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ **SENDING HYMN**      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*      Nº 276

❖ **CHARGE & BLESSING**  
Let us take God's grace into the world.  
**We will greet others with acts of acceptance.**  
Let us go to fill the world with God's forgiveness.  
**We will confront fear with acts of love.**  
Let us go to spread the message of peace.  
**We will follow the Spirit into the grace of God**  
**which is offered to all people, without exception!**  
Go in peace!

**POSTLUDE**      *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above*      arr. Maurice Bell

*You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude  
or exit quietly after the benediction.*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS:** we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! Please fill out a Visitor Card, located in the pew back, and drop it in the Offering Plate when it is passed around.

**A STAFFED NURSERY** for infants-3 year olds is available in room 3/4 in the preschool wing on Sundays, 9:45-11:15 AM.

**CHILDREN AGES 3-11** remain in Worship today. Rainbow busy bags are available in the Narthex.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** will be hosted by the Navigator Mariner Group upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

**THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** Sunday, April 2 led by Rev. Chuck Falconer will address considerations of Mark's gospel entitled, "The world turned upside down" - (which in modern parlance might be expressed as "the turbulence of our time.") It contains some of the best loved passages in the Bible and raises new dimensions for our responsibilities to love our neighbors and practice forgiveness. All are welcome to join this discussion on Sunday at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall.

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP OTHERS?** Valley's Meals on Wheels team needs a couple of substitute drivers to fill in once in a while. We're responsible for the third Monday of the month, driving from the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton. Call Marilyn Tuffs for details - 503.297.2622.

**THANK YOU** for sending your check of \$32 for the 2017 Per Capita (for wider church expenses) for each Valley member. For more information about what per capita is, and how it helps, go to: [oga.pcusa.org/percapita](http://oga.pcusa.org/percapita).

**PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES PW SPRING GATHERING** April 1 at First Presbyterian Church of Newberg. This year's focus is *Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Immigration*. Cost is \$10, including lunch, until March 27; \$15 after March 27. Registration forms are available in the church office.

**APRIL 1** is the Spring application deadline for grants from Valley's Mission Endowment Fund. The Mission Endowment Committee meets in April and May to consider applications requesting funds for mission work. Committee members review applications from both organizations and individuals, whether secular or church-related, local, national, or international. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Contact Elaine Rea at [elaine@iname.com](mailto:elaine@iname.com), visit the church office, or go to the church website, [www.valleycommunity.org](http://www.valleycommunity.org), for a grant application.

**May God bless you as you worship here today:**

Touch you, Challenge you, Heal you, Disturb you, Direct you to new paths  
in your unfolding journey. Valley Community Presbyterian Church is a place for

***Awakening Souls, Sharing Joy, Serving God in Christ,***  
***TRANSFORMING LIVES!***