

First Presbyterian Church

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OF
CHRIST



MATTHEW 4:1-11

Berwick, PA

The Order of Worship Sunday March 19th, 2023

Worship Participants:
Doug Orbaker, Guest Preacher
Jennifer White, Organist
Carolyn White, Worship Assistant
Eugeniu Grigorescu, Technical Director

Welcome and Announcements

Please share the peace of Christ

Prelude The King of Love *by Austin C. Lovelace*

*Call to Worship

Pastor God summons us to wake up and see. Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

People Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness. We seek to live as the children of light.

Pastor God listens to all who worship sincerely, who praise God with openness and love.

People We seek to know and follow God's will. This is the day to do God's works.

*Hymn #145 Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart vss. 1, 2 & 4

Call to Confession

With our limited insight we often misjudge people and situations. Our view of things may be far from the way God sees our lives and our relationships. We all fall short of what God calls us to be and to do. Let us admit our need for forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Good Shepherd, we thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered off from the paths of justice, integrity, and peace that you have set before us. We are quick to judge others and excuse ourselves. We like to decide who is acceptable and who is not. Even as we say these words, we know that we are not in tune with your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The goodness and mercy of God are always available to us. We receive these gifts when we confess our sin and open ourselves to God's grace. We accept God's gracious gift of love with unending joy, for in God's love we live forgiven. Amen.

Special Music

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word
arr. Paul Taylor

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3: 1-7 Mathew 4: 1-11

*Gloria Patri

Sermon

If You Are The Children Of God

*Hymn #280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound *vs. 1-4*

Morning Prayer / Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn #339

Be Thou My Vision *vss. 1 & 2*

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction #339

Be Thou My Vision *vs. 3*

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

¹ Rejoice ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:
Rejoice! rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

² Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. (Refrain)

⁴ Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

¹ Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

² 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

³ Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

⁴ The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Be Thou My Vision

¹ Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

² Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

³ Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.