

T H I R D

Sunday in Lent



**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020**

PRELUDE

Melody Raef

WELCOME

Margaret Adamson

LENTEN READING

Pete and Margaret Adamson

5 MINUTES FOR STEWARDSHIP

Nathan Richards

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Melody Raef

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(John 1) "The Light Shines in the Darkness!"

Leader: In Jesus is life, and this life is the light of the world!

PEOPLE: This light shines in the darkness and the darkness of sin and death cannot overcome God's light!

***SONG OF PRAISE #469 "Morning Has Broken"**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of light and truth, forgive us when we prefer to live in shadows and darkness, rather than the goodness of Jesus's way. We are sorry that we accept lies and half truths rather than follow your Word. Forgive of lack of trust in Jesus, the one true light of the world. Help us embrace your love and justice. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus forgives us and brings us out of the darkness of sin and death. Friends, believe the gospel's good news: In Jesus we are forgiven and offered a new way to live!

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE #579 Gloria Patri**

***THE PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you... and also with you!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbytery of the James and health officials are suggesting to not shake hands or hug during this flu season and as the Corona Virus is spreading. Use you best judgement and concern for others in passing God's peace.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

While we "Pass the Peace" please consider filling out a "Welcome to our Church Family" card. Drop the card in the offering plate.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN "GOD'S LIGHT SHINES THROUGH US!"
Children 4 years and younger may go to the nursery.

Pastor Keith

READING from the GOSPEL. John 8.12-20 "I am the Light of the world."

Jesus again spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. "Then the Pharisees said to him, "Your claim is not valid because you testify to yourself." Jesus replied, my words are true because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not... My Father and I testify to the same truth". They asked, "Who is your Father?" Jesus replied, "You know neither me nor my Father. To know me is to know the Father."

READING from REVELATION Revelation 21.22-26 "God our light; the Lamb our lamp!"

I saw no temple in the new Jerusalem, for it's temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine, for the glory of God is its light, and it's lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by this light and the rulers of the earth will bring their glory into God's city. The gate of the new Jerusalem will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. People will bring to God's city the glory and honor of the nations.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Melody Raef and Choir

SERMON

"I am the Light of the World."

Rev. Keith Johnston

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH. The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical version)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (#592) *Doxology

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** CHARGE & BLESSING**

*** HYMN OF SENDING #384 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"**

**All who are able are invited to stand*

