

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God's perfect law revives the soul,

People: God's just demands delight the heart.

Leader: Keep us, thought and word, in your grace.

People: Lord, you are our Savior and our Rock.

*Hymn 433 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (said by all)

Gracious God, you set us within the temple of your grace and mercy: hear us now as we confess our sin. Even as we enter your sanctuary, our hearts are full of our own distracted and selfish desires. We are preoccupied with our own concerns and forgetful of your plans for us. Recall us to your ways, O God, and reform us in your sight, that we may follow in faith the commandments you give us, in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*Silent Reflection

*Assurance of Pardon

Concerns of the Congregation

Message to the Children

*Hymn 261 *Come to the Savior Now*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 20:1-17; **Psalm 19**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 ; *John 2:13-22

*Gloria Patri

Special Music

Sermon

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Brad Hood

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 358

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

** Indicates that the congregation may stand*

Psalm 19

The sky tells the glory of God,

Tells the genius of God's work.

Day carries the news to day,

Night brings the message to night,

Without a word, without a sound,

Without a voice being heard,

Yet their message fills the world,

Their news reaches its rim.

There God has pitched a tent

For the sun to rest and rise renewed

Like a bridegroom rising from bed,

An athlete eager to run the race.

It springs from the edge of the earth,

Runs a course across the sky

To win the race at heaven's end.

Nothing on earth escapes its heat.

God's perfect law revives the soul.

God's stable rule guides the simple.

God's just demands delight the heart.

God's clear commands sharpen vision.

God's faultless decrees stand forever.

God's right judgments keep their truth.

Their worth is more than gold, the purest gold;

Their taste richer than honey, sweet from the comb.

Keeping them makes me rich, they bring me light;

Yet faults hide within us; forgive me mine.

Keep my pride in check, break its grip;

I shall be free of blame for deadly sin.

Keep me, thought and word, in your good grace.

Lord, you are my savior, you are my rock.

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Affirmation of Faith

Col. 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were
created,
things visible and invisible.**

**All things have been created through him and
for him.**

**He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

**He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in
everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased
to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile
all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Amen.