



## Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice  
in the warmth of God's love and light by  
**teaching** the holy word,  
**servng** Christ's community, and  
**growing** together in faith.



February 18, 2024  
First Sunday in Lent

## The Service for the Lord's Day

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February 18, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

*O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross*  
*I Lay My Sins on Jesus*  
Kathy Finnerty, piano

J. S. Bach  
Lani Smith

Call to Worship

One: Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries. Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax the tension in your jaw,

**All: for Christ is here. God never stops seeking us.**

One: We have been found.

**All: Let us find God in return.**

One: Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

\*Hymn

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

No. 166

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Loving God, you call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet; more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace      *(Please check first with those you approach)*

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.  
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination

Geralyn Ritter

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 25: 1-10 (page 436)

Anthem

*A Covenant Prayer*

Allen Pote

Lord, make me what you will, I put myself into your hands. Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you. Lord, make me what you will. I will no longer be my own. Let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. Lord, I freely and with a willing heart, give it all to you, to your pleasure and disposal, Lord. Make me what you will.

Gospel Reading

Luke 5: 1-11 (page 836)

Sermon

*Jesus Sought Me*

Rev. Amy Lincoln

\*Affirmation of Faith

One: I believe in a God of abundance—

**All: a God who sees possibilities where I cannot, and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

One: I believe in a God who comforts—

**All: a God who says, "Do not be afraid;" a God who joins me in life's deep waters.**

One: I believe in a God who invites—

**All: a God who says, "Follow me," and, "You will be fishers of people."**

One: I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—

**All: a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name.**

**We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Anthem

*A Closer Walk With God*

Eugene Butler

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame. A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord? Where is the soul refreshing view of Jesus and his word? O for a closer walk with God that leads me to the Lamb! Return O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest! Forgive the sins that made you mourn, that drove you from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm, serene my frame, so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Offering

*We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at [www.flemingtonpres.org](http://www.flemingtonpres.org), or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.*

Prayer of Dedication

\*Doxology

No. 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Will You Come and Follow Me?*  
(stanzas 1, 4 and 5)

No. 726

\*Charge and Benediction

Response

*Go Now in Peace*

Joyce Eilers

Go now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you, feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way. In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you, know that the Lord will never leave you, He will bring you courage. Know that the God who sent his son to die that you may live, will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world. Go now in peace.

Postlude

*Finale in C Minor*

Stanley E. Saxton

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