



**Fourth Sunday  
in Lent  
March 19, 2023**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Prelude

“Diapason Voluntary”

G. Young

Welcome

Call to Worship

You are called to be the children of light.

**We come to worship to be renewed in our faith that our light might ever shine.**

The light of Christ is found in all that is good and right and true.

**We gather for worship that we might gather ourselves to do what is good and right and true to Christ.**

**We come to worship to celebrate and give thanks to God. Let us lift our voices in praise!**

—Based on Ephesians 5:8-14

Songs of Praise

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

#526

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

#537

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

#238

## Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and steadfast love, you gave us our tongues that we may speak words of love, wisdom, and grace. But often our tongues are the vehicles of other things: instead of love, hatred, instead of wisdom, foolishness, instead of grace, rage. Like a small fire that sets a forest ablaze, too often a word can set forth a flood of fear and anger. Help us use our tongues to start other things: kindness, compassion, and courage. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus' name, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	John 9:1-23	Becca Paul
Time for Young Disciples		Bob and Barb Pappas
Scripture Reading	John 9:24-41	
Sermon	"Restoring Our Spiritual Vision"	Pastor Matt

## Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response	"Amazing Grace"	#691
Offering		

## Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### 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.

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn                      "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us                      #330

### Benediction

Postlude                                      "Trumpet Voluntary"                                      Young

### Leading in Today's Service

*Worship Leaders:* Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Becca Paul

*Pianist/Organist:* Anna Nichols

*Worship Music Team (varies):* Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan

*Media Team (varies):* Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Wayne Brown,  
Kate Haworth, Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Peggy Kuch,  
Bret Curtis

*Slides:* Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

### Lenten Vespers—Thursday, March 23, 7 pm

Soup at 6:15 pm, followed by worship at 7 pm

Vespers are an evening service of prayer, designed to draw a spiritual close to the day and to prepare ourselves for holy rest. Vespers services will be held every Thursday in March.

Next Sunday's Worship—March 26, Fifth Sunday in Lent

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John 11:1-16, \*John 11:17-45; "Bringing Out the Dead"

The raising of Lazarus is the final and most powerful of the seven miracles of Christ in John's gospel. It was also the most controversial. Some come to believe in Jesus on account of this miracle. Yet for the religious leaders, it only serves to confirm to the threat Jesus poses to them and their livelihood. What are we to make of the new life Jesus makes possible to us? Are we willing to come forth from the tomb when Jesus calls us?

## Announcements

***Food Bank Food Drive through the month of March***, collection barrels in Fellowship Hall

***Holy Land Presentation***, today, Sunday, March 19, 12:15 lunch, 1:00 presentation

***Session***, Monday, March 20, 7pm, Zoom

***FISH Company***, Tuesday, March 21, 8 am, Zoom

***Praise Team Rehearsal***, Tuesday, March 21, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

***"Chain Gang" (Men's Breakfast Group)***, Wednesday, March 22, 9 am, Traylor's

***Women's Bible Study***, Wednesday, March 22, 9 am, Fellowship Hall

***Discovering the Bible***, Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 pm, Zoom

***Lenten Vespers Service***, Thursday, March 23, 6:15 pm Soup, 7pm Worship

***Special thanks to Pat Wessler for sharing family pictures and the history of Tip's Prairie Cranberry Farm.***

The First Presbyterian Church of Port Angeles is a community of people of all ages who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and who seek to follow his teachings. We come together to worship God, to grow in our love and support for each other, and to learn about God's will for our lives. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we go out to the community and the world to share our faith and to serve others.

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