

A large, simple wooden cross stands against a bright blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. The cross is made of two thick, weathered wooden beams. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

*Presbyterian
Church*

**APRIL 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY**

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Philippians 4:4-5)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: We will say it again: Rejoice!

Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

People: The Lord is near.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

People: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

#213

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, we have not kept watch for you.

We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.

We have not waited to find your will for us.

We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.

We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.

Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.

Help us to wait to know your will.

Help us to look out for the needs of others.

Help us to work and watch for your coming.

(time of silent examination, petition, and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN

#216

THE WORD

*CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#492

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 40:1-11

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Mark 1:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Michael

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

Apostle's Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 22.....*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*.....REGENT SQUARE

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN

#214

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able are invited to stand.

