



The Rev. Alan Sutherland, Rector

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Lent 4, 2008 - Children's Sermon

This morning we are going to do an experiment to see how well you can see.

I am going to ask <a child> to come and stand by me.

What color hair do they have?

Is our friend blonde or brunette?

Do they have on jewelry?

Do they have long or short hair?

What color eyes do they have?

What are they wearing?

Good, you did great.

Now I am going to put on these glasses and call them God's glasses. (A pair of shamrock shaped, green glasses.)

We are going to pretend that I can see with them as God sees us.

I wonder what he can see when he looks at all of us. (Fr. Alan slowly looks around at everyone.)

Looking closely he sees a little selfishness.

He sees a little bad temper. He sees a little dishonesty.

But he also sees some goodness. Some generous hearts.

Some kindness.

Our scripture reading from Samuel explains the differences in the way that we see people and the way God sees us.

God says, "Do not look on the appearance or the height of his stature but look on the heart."

It is fine to look nice on the outside but it is more important to be fine where God looks-on the inside.

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Amen

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