

SUNDAY, JANUARY 07, 2018 · 10:00 AM

(Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, Sunday Worship hymn sheets & Bulletins & wireless hearing aids available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Go Tell It" Lau

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... In the beginning,

People.. God created the heavens and the earth.

Leader... The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;
then God said: Let there be light,

People.. and God saw that it was good.

Leader... At the beginning of his ministry,
Jesus was baptized by John.

**People.. The heavens opened,
and the Spirit descended like a dove;**

**All then God said: This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.
Let us worship God.**

*HYMN "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" # 268

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Helen Adsit

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are –
not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.**

Forgive us, gracious God.

**In Christ, stoop down to save us;
loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you;
in Jesus' name.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Baptized in Water" # 492 (v2)

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with his rising,
freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**"

Genesis 1:1-5

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ANTHEM "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star!" Nicolai, arr. Ehret

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:4-11

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**"

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CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam

(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON

*HYMN "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" # 516

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Wade in the Water" Schell

Song of Praise "Baptized in Water" # 492 (v3)

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father,
we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing**

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Each communion tray has a dish of rice cake pieces for those who avoid wheat products

Invitation to the Table

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you / **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts / **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

The prayer continues and concludes with The Lord's Prayer

...using debts and debtors

Communion of the People

*HYMN "Down to Earth, As a Dove" # 300

*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Pastor: God is good

People: ... All the time!

*SUNG RESPONSE *(Choir starts followed by Congregation)*

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.**

POSTLUDE "March of the Kings" Young

Welcome Visitors. Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher! Be sure share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship

Mission Statement: First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes: George Vickers; Jan 14: Kevin Taylor

Layreader is Helen Adsit. Jan 14: Mark Hinman

Worship Recorder is Katrina Schell. Jan 14: John Nethaway

Deacon Ramp Duty is Bonnie Herter. Jan 14: Mary Davies

Coffee Break is in the parlor immediately after worship

Chancel Flowers are in loving memory of Isabelle Walters

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Skip & Lenora Merithew, Cailyn Armstrong and the Walters Family; Linda Davis, Patty Dunham & Augusta-Vernon Center Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS LOCATION

Church School Youth: 11:15–Noon

(Nursery Available on the First Floor – Room 107)

Multi-Age Group..... Room 206

Grades 7 - 12 Room 201

"Living the Question" Choir Room

Undecorating: TOMORROW at 9am – please come when the weather is a bearable 32 degrees to help out if you can!