

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019 · 10:30 AM

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

People.... God calls us to be builders as well.

Leader God calls us to build our lives:

People.... to restore broken places and continue to grow.

Leader God calls us to build our faith:

People.... to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

Leader God calls us to build our community:

People.... to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

Leader God calls us to build history

by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

All to preach the good news and liberation for all people.

*HYMN "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" # 264

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Michelle Dolan

Invitation

Unison Prayer

God of our Restoration,

whenever we come home to you,

we realize how far we have strayed

and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts

or loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, heal us, and restore us;

through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Glory Be to the Father" # 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end.

Amen. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 340

ANTHEM

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

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Tom McGibbon, Bass Solo

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 142

CHILDREN'S TALK Carrie Scaccia

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

SERMON

*HYMN "Live Into Hope" # 332

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Ephesians 2:13-22

In Jesus we who were far off have been brought near.

He is our peace, and has broken down all walls between us.

He has created a new humanity,

reconciling us to God and one another.

He proclaimed peace to everyone,

whether close to God or far away.

Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens,

but members of the household of God,

with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him we are joined together and grow into a holy temple,

a dwelling place for God.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music

Song of Praise "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above,

ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer "Bless the Lord" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

...See Laminated Pew Cards for the Lord's Prayer

*HYMN "We All Are One in Mission" # 435

*BENEDICTION See Laminated Pew Cards concluding with...

Leader: . Remember that 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

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!

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today....10:00 am Worship followed by Coffee Break in parlor

11:15 Church School

Noon Youth Choir

Tues.....10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

7:00 pm Serenity Circle

Wed..... 6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:30 pm Senior Choir

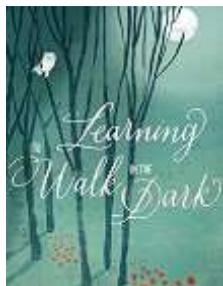
Thurs 3:00 pm Bible Study in Library

BIB Packing

NEXT SUNDAY ...Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Annual Meeting & Potluck Luncheon

Our Sunday Adult Education Class continues today. It is based on the book Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor. We'll be looking at light and darkness, at important events in the Bible that have happened in the dark, and realizing that God is in the darkness as well as in the light. Helen Adsit leads and there will be chocolate ☺



Pastor Needs Help: Benjamin Arazu is a Nigerian pastor who is in Rome on an R-1 Visa. The visa is expiring. Benjamin is eligible to apply for a Green Card to continue working here. The Department of Homeland Security has ruled that he must go back to Nigeria to apply for his work permit. For Benjamin and his family to go back home will cost over\$5,000. He does not have the money. If you would like to help, make checks to the Rome Clergy Association and give to Sam.