

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018 · 10:00 AM**

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

**HYMN SING**

Leader: Pastor Sam

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader .... People of the covenant:

God does not remember us according to our sins.

**People.... God remembers us**

**according to God’s own steadfast love!**

Leader .... The God of our salvation teaches us right paths

and leads us in truth.

**All ..... All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love**

**and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.**

\*HYMN “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” # 268

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Michelle Dolan

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession.**

**We do not live according to your ways,**

**but according to our own.**

**We condone violence,**

**participate in systems of injustice,**

**and use power to our own advantage**

**at the expense of others.**

**Forgive us, we pray,**

**when we are tempted to follow paths**

**other than those you set before us.**

**Teach us your ways; help us to turn from evil,**

**and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.**

**In steadfast love, remember us, we pray,**

**and be for us, once more and always,**

**an ark of safety and new life.**

**In Christ’s name we pray.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response “What Wondrous Love Is This” # 85 (v2)

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great “I AM,” while millions join the theme,

I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:9-15

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

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**ANTHEM**

“Wondrous Love”

arr Shaw-Parker

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 9:8-17

“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, Who throughout These Forty Days” # 81

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed

(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

**OFFERING**

Invitation

**Offertory Music** “God of Our Life” arr Vandertuin

Song of Praise “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” # 101 (v4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all

\*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...using debts and debtors

\*HYMN “God of Our Life” # 275

\*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** “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” arr Held

**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

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

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

11:15 am ..... Church School

Noon ..... Youth Choir

Mon..... Church Office Closed for Holiday

Tues..... March Copperspire Deadline

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

11:00 am ..... Mission Cooking (Bruce Captain)

5:30 pm ..... Fellowship Committee in Parlor

7:00 pm ..... Serenity Circle

Trustees meet

Wed..... 4:20 pm ..... Rescue Mission Serve

6:30 pm ..... Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm ..... Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thurs ..... 7:30 am ..... Western Pastor Group in parlor

3:00 pm ..... Afternoon Bible Study

BIB Packing

7:00 pm ..... Session meets

Sat ..... 11:00 am ..... Funeral Service for Faith

**NEXT SUNDAY....**Mark 8:31-38, Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Heritage Sunday, CWS Blanket Appeal

JOY serves at Loaves & Fishes

**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

“Our Time” ..... Library