

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 · 10:00 AM

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Give Me Jesus" arr Billingham
African American spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader God's Spirit dwells in us,
People.... for we are God's temple.

Leader We belong to Christ,
People.... and Christ belongs to God. Praise the Lord!
All Let us worship God with joyful hearts!

*HYMN "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" # 483

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Julie Denton

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Glorious God, you are our wisdom
and a lamp to our feet,
yet we fail to listen to you
and neglect to follow your guidance.**

**Forgive us, heal us,
and teach us to listen to Jesus
that we may walk in your ways
and be happy in your refuge;
in Jesus the Christ we pray.**

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 Exodus 24:12-18
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 55 (LP 87)

ANTHEM "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" Myrin and Redman
arr Sorenson

GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1-9
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 14 (LP 22)

CHILDREN'S TALK Julie Denton

SERMON **Uncomfortable On Purpose**

*HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" # 403

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
(See Laminated Pew Cards)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr Hobby

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 "The Lord is my Light" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer
...See Laminated Pew Cards for the Lord's Prayer

*HYMN "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" # 229

*BENEDICTION 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 Toccata on "Bryn Calfaria" Owen/Butler

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 to join us in the parlor after Worship for coffee break!

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

Today10:00 amWorship followed by Heritage Sunday
in Sanctuary and Coffee Break in parlor
Tues10:00 amCrafty Ladies & Prayer Shawl Group
Mission Closet open til noon & again at 1:30p
1:30 pmRescue Mission Cooking – Kari Captain
7:00 pmSerenity Circle
Wed 7:00 pm**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** in Chapel
7:30 pmSenior Choir rehearses
Thurs7:30 amWestern Pastors Group
10:00 amMission Closet open til noon & again at 1:30p
3:00 pmBIB Packing at Trinity United Church
7:00 pmSession meets

NEXT SUNDAY....Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11
8:30 Worship, Holy Communion, Fair Trade Sales

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers are led by Don Hanson. Mar 01: Dave Scaccia

Layreader is Julie Denton. Mar 01: Raymond Tucker

Worship Recorder is Val Wood. Mar 01: Katrina Schell

Deacon Ramp Duty is Carol Drumluk. Mar 01: Dianne Griffith

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Rich, Amy, Emily, Izzy & Faith Turner; Sue & Lee Hollenbeck; Sybil McDonough, Susan & Brenden Hatzinger & 1st Pres Cherry Valley

HERITAGE SUNDAY – TODAY !!! JOIN US

Often, we take for granted that important places in our lives—like First Presbyterian Church, Rome—have always been there. But everything has a beginning. You're asked to remain in the sanctuary after worship for a short program highlighting the founding and founders of our congregation over 200 years ago. Then, you're invited to enjoy coffee, conversation, and treats in the parlor to celebrate being together as a church family.

Tis the Season – PLEASE make sure that all of our church doors are tightly shut behind you after entering and exiting the building – Thanks. The doors stick this time of year

American Cancer Society Daffodil Days – March 23-29
See Sue Hanson or Cynthia before **TODAY's** deadline
\$10 Daffodil Bunch plus other options