

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "My Song is Love Unknown" arr Biery

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader From where will our help come?

**People.... Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader Who is our keeper?

People.... The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

Leader How long will God protect us?

**All God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

*HYMN "God of the Sparrow" # 268

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Brian Burke

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.

We claim to follow Jesus

but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.

We profess to be disciples,

but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.

We affirm the virtue of self-denial,

but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 8:31-38

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

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ANTHEM " There is a Balm in Gilead" William L. Dawson

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-17

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CHILDREN'S TALK Helen Adsit

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

SERMON

*HYMN "My Song Is Love Unknown" # 76

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr Linker

(Hymn tune is Aberystwyth in honor of Welsh Heritage)

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 "Come and Fill" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer...using debts and debtors

*HYMN "We Meet You, O Christ" # 311

*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 "Tocatta and Fugue in B" Pachelbel

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 Heritage Sunday

Noon JOY serves at Loaves & Fishes

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

2:00 pm Mission Cooking (Kari Captain)

5:30 pm Fellowship Committee in Parlor

7:00 pm Serenity Circle

7:30 pm Evening Circle at Mary Grow's

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

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 3:00 pm Afternoon Bible Study

BIB Packing

7:00 pm Worship & Music meets

NEXT SUNDAY....John 2:13-22; Exodus 20:1-17

Holy Communion & Fair Trade Sales

Ham & Scalloped Potato Luncheon

Everyone, including all Church School Classes, is invited to the Dining Hall immediately after Worship to celebrate Heritage Sunday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers are led by Dave Scaccia. Mar 04: Carl Longley

Layreader is Brian Burke; Mar 04: Helen Adsit

Worship Recorder is Tom McGibbon. Mar 04: John Nethaway

Deacon Ramp Duty is Marge Palmer. Mar 04: Sue Hanson

Chancel Flowers are in loving memory of Faith Merrill

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Paul & Helen Adsit, The Family of Faith Merrill, Ron & Barbara Rhodes; Sheila Truesdail, Nancy Weed & United Lutheran Presbyterian Parish, Dolgeville

HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER

Sunday March 04 after Worship

Free Will Offering – Sign up in CE Hallway

Brought to you by Our Fellowship Committee