

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017 · 10:00 AM

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Come to Jesus" Rice/Raney  
Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... The Holy One is our Lord,  
our guide on all the paths of life.

**People.. Let us praise God's great and awesome name!**

Leader... Mighty ruler, lover of justice,  
you have shown us what is good.

**All ..... May our lives show your justice, mercy and love,  
As we worship and as we live!**

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Gail Tucker

Invitation

Unison Prayer

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

**Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on,  
that we may listen to you, walk in your ways  
and be joyful in the presence of your glory;  
in Jesus our guide and our Lord 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

ANTHEM "The Lily of the Valley" arr Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1-9

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 14

CHILDREN'S TALK

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

Julie Denton

SERMON

\*HYMN "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" # 474

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

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger" T Waldrop

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...using debts and debtors

\*HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" # 150

\*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 Postlude on "Cwm Rhondda" 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

*Jan/Feb Mar/Apr Upper Rooms, Presbyterian Outlook & Presbyterians Today are placed throughout our Church*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes:** George Vickers; Mar 05: Kevin Taylor

**Layreader** is Gail Tucker. Mar 05: Julie Denton

**Worship Recorder** is Shari Fish. Mar 05: Sue Davidson

**The Daffodils This Morning** are given in loving memory of all the Welsh Saints of this church who were always so proud of their heritage and happy to be able to share it here

**Deacon Ramp Duty** is Bruce Warcup. Mar 05: Gail Tucker

**Coffee Break** is immediately after worship in our Dining Hall. Please enjoy today's Heritage Sunday event ☺

**Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List:** Theresa & Randy Vetter; Sam, Cynthia, Allan & James Pendergrast; Rich & Linnea Linderman and United Lutheran Presbyterian Parish, Dolgeville

**Church School Resumes Next Week Including:** "Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God". Weekly to April 9: - led by Sam Pendergrast. We will work with questions about the many violent themes and stories in the Bible that seem to be in conflict with the God of the Bible whose ultimate goal is to "reconcile all things in heaven and on earth." Biblical Scholar, John Dominic Crossan, presents video segments. Discussion follows each segment.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today.....9:45 am ..... Hymn Sing, Pastor Sam leads

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

11:15 am ..... Heritage Sunday

12:30 pm ..... JOY serves at Loaves & Fishes

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

6:00 pm ..... Serenity Circle

7:30 pm ..... Evening Circle at June Sperlik's

Wed..... 7:00 pm ..... Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary

7:30 pm ..... Senior Choir rehearses

Thurs ..... 3:00 pm ..... Afternoon Bible Study/BIB Packing at Trinity

7:00 pm ..... Worship & Music Committee meets

**NEXT SUNDAY**....Matthew 4:1-11; Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Holy Communion, Fair Trade Product Sales

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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