

SUNDAY, MARCH 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.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" Michel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

All God's steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN "O God of Earth and Altar" # 291

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Gail Tucker

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints.

We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we hurt one another and wound our neighbors.

We fret about the scarcity of resources while working for our own gain above others.

We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them.

Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace.

Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of life in Jesus, in whose 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 John 3:14-21 NT Page 71
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**"

ANTHEM "God so Loved the World" Stainer

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 21:4-9 OT Page 109
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**"

CHILDREN'S TALK

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

Julie Denton

SERMON

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" # 280
Jim Clough, Bagpipes

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

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Musette" Ravanello

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 "Give Peace" Berthier

Silent Prayer

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

*HYMN "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" # 308

*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 Voluntary on "Kingsfold" Stallsmith

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 in Parlor
11:15 am Church School Classes
Noon Youth Choir
Tues.....10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies
7:00 pm Serenity Circle
Wed..... 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thurs 3:00 pm Afternoon Bible Study
BIB Packing
6:00 pm Mission Committee meets
7:00 pm Christian Ed meets

NEXT SUNDAY....John 12:20-33; Jeremiah 31:31-34
3rd Sunday Mission Collection

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers are led by Jim Henderson. Mar 18: Youth Sunday

Layreader is Gail Tucker; Mar 18: Youth Sunday

Worship Recorder is Shari Fish. Mar 18: Valerie Wood

Deacon Ramp Duty is Gail Tucker. Mar 18: Bruce Warcup

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Steve, Jackie, Dylan and Gavin Dunadee; Kim Oliver & Bob Rapp; Jay, Shari, Maegan & Ryan Fish; Bruce & Kristen Stewart & 1st Pres Holland Patent

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS LOCATION

(Nursery Available on the First Floor – Room 107)

Multi-Age Group..... Room 206

Grades 7 - 12 Room 201

"Learning Forgiveness"..... Chapel

A Space for Prayer and Meditation has been set aside at the front of the sanctuary. You are invited to come to the sanctuary any time the church is open and use this space. There are materials available including Bibles, devotional books, paper for journaling and coloring books for meditation. Our hope is that people will find the space to be a place apart where they can pray, meditate and listen for God.

Be sure to check it out!

