

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 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.*

HYMN SING

Leader: Faith Merrill

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* # 488

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Liz Clough

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness
and grace.**

You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.

We are so often afraid to follow you.

**We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.**

**We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace
in the family of faith.**

In Christ's name we pray.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response *"What Wondrous Love"* # 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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

Genesis 12:1-4

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ANTHEM

"Hear, O Lord, My Voice

Joseph Roff

GOSPEL READING

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

John 3:1-17

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CHILDREN'S TALK

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

Helen Adsit

SERMON

*HYMN *"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"* # 234

BAPTISM Jason Eaton & daughter, Avery

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From 2 Corinthians 5:16-20*

From now on we regard no one from a human point of view;

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away; everything has become new!

**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

**In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their sin against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

**So we are ambassadors for Christ,
since God is making his appeal through us;
we urge everyone on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music *"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"* arr Burkhardt

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 *"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"* # 314

***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

"My Faithful Heart Rejoices"

Brahms

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes: Don Hanson; Mar 19: Dave Scaccia

Layreader is Liz Clough. Mar 19: Michelle Dolan

Worship Recorder is Jay Fish. Mar 19: Valerie Wood

Deacon Ramp Duty is Gail Tucker. Mar 19: Bonnie Herter

Coffee Break is immediately after worship in our parlor. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments!!

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Selena Dewey, Sandy Braun, Chris Donovan, Tony Schuyler, Gail Fletcher, Frank & Ruth Jokinen, Tom Trace and 1st Pres Holland Patent

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

"Violence Divine" Choir Room

Adult Church School Continues Today *"Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God"*. Weekly to Apr 9: We will work with questions about the violent themes and stories that seem to be in conflict with the ultimate goal to "reconcile all things in heaven and on earth."