

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 · 10:00 AM

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Liturgical Prelude No. 2" Oldroyd

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People.... Before the seas were made,
before you formed the world;**

Leader From before the first one-celled organism,
and after the sun's light fails;

People.... Before our birth, and after our death.

Leader Through all eternity, you are God.

All Eternal God, our lives are in your sure and tender care.

*HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" # 488

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Raymond Tucker

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven,
but we have set our minds on earthly things.**

We have looked for security in the things of this world.

Our fear of danger keeps us from love of enemies.

Our love of things dulls our generosity.

Our craving for image prevents our honesty about sin.

**Yet, you know the desires of our heart
and nothing is hidden from you.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,
transform us into the image of Jesus,
that we may be his body for the world.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "My Song Is Love Unknown" # 76 (v1)

**My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.
O who am I, That for my sake' My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:31-35 NT Page 58
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**"

ANTHEM "Hear, O Lord, My Voice" Joseph Roff

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 NT Page 153
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**"

CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam
(4yr to Gr1 invited to 1st Floor Nursery. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON Citizens of Heaven

*HYMN "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" # 347

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Philippians 4:4-9

We believe in the power of gratitude.

**We commit ourselves to acknowledge
every act of generosity
every gift**

**every sunrise and sunset
every smile, touch and kindness.**

**We believe that rejoicing and gentleness can warm cold hearts,
bring people together, build peace and bring forgiveness.**

**We intend to be guided by what is excellent and admirable,
just and holy, true and beautiful.**

We have received many gifts.

They do not belong to us but are meant to be shared.

We can build a better world by living with thanks.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music Variations on arr Lovelace
"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Song of Praise "My Song Is Love Unknown" # 76 (v5)

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.**

This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise; I all my days Could gladly spend

*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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" # 438

*BENEDICTION See Laminated Pew Cards 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 Voluntary on arr Hopson
"The God of Abraham Praise"

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!

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 amWorship followed by Coffee Break
11:15 pmChurch School
NoonYouth Choir
4:30 pmLenten Gathering – Westernville Pres host here

Tues.....10:00 amPrayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies
2:30 pmRescue Mission Cooking – Liz captain
7:00 pmSerenity Circle in Parlor
Nursery School Board in Kitchenette
Trustees in Chapel

7:30 pmEvening Circle in Library

Wed.....Copperspire Deadline

6:30 pmBell Choir
7:30 pmSenior Choir

Thurs NoonChurch Office closed for vacation

3:00 pmBible Study in Library
BIB Packing at TUCC

Fri NoonChurch Office closed for vacation

NEXT SUNDAY ...Luke 13:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

4:30 Lenten Gathering at St. Paul's

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. Perfect for Lenten devotions!