

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 "Every Morning's Sun" Sue Ellen Page
Youth Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader God of hope, who brought love into this world,

People.... be the love that dwells between us.

Leader God of hope, who brought peace into this world,

People.... be the peace that dwells between us.

Leader God of hope, who brought joy into this world,

People.... be the joy that dwells between us.

Leader God of hope, the rock we stand upon,

**All be the center, the focus of our lives always,
and particularly in this time of Lent.**

*HYMN "Help Us Accept Each Other" # 358

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**God, we like to be right. We like to think that we know your will
for us and for everyone else. Protect us from ourselves, God.**

**Help us to see beyond our own experiences to recognize the
lives of others. Help us to see the world through your eyes,
to see a world bigger than our own lives and values and
attitudes.**

**Open us as we seek to find the needy and hurting, the
overlooked and forgotten, the frightened and lonely.**

**Stop our fluttering hands and feet; slow us down to listen to
you and to others, to see and hear and feel before acting and
doing. Make us brave as we face our own smallness.**

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Peace like a River" # 368

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, In my soul
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, In my soul

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING John 14: 23-27

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 83

ANTHEM "The Lost Sheep" John Horman
Youth Choir

CHILDREN'S TALK

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

SERMON

*HYMN "O For a World" # 386

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage
join hands, conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility,
take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by
the spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Sonata II" JS Bach
Maddie Garcia

Song of Praise "Peace like a River" # 368

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, In my soul
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, In my soul

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

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

*HYMN "Spirit" # 319

*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Leader: ... Remember that God is good **People: All the time!**

*SUNG POSTLUDE "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness.
And all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

**Thank you to the Youth of our congregation for an inspiring and
heartfelt Worship Service**

JOY Participants: Maegan Fish, Ryan Fish, Maddie Garcia, Thalia
Rivera, Maryrose Scaccia, Emily Turner

Multi-Age Class Participants: Cailyn Armstrong, Isaiah Sexton, Noah
Sexton, Leah Sexton, Izzy Turner, Faith Turner, Alex Yates, Cara Yates

Thanks to the Multi-Age Class for designing our bulletins!

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

31 Bingo Party / Wed Apr 18 / Raffles & Prizes! Gone Coastal; 5345
Lee Center Taberg Rd. Doors Open 5pm / Bingo at 6pm. \$15
Admission: Munchies & 10-Pack Bingo Cards; Limited Seating &
Advance Ticket Sales Preferred. See Sue Hanson or Church Office

EASTER FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Return the below slip to the church office by Monday, March 26
and bring your arrangements to Church by Thurs, Mar 29 at Noon.
Once again we could not find a suitable service to deliver this
season, so it's "bring your own". If you are unable to get out to
select your plant, contact the Church Office and a member of the
Worship & Music Committee will gladly help out.

Loving Memory of...	Submitted by...