

SUNDAY, MARCH 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 "Little Prelude in a minor" attrib JS Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

People.. God guides me in good paths all my days.

Leader... God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

**All Yes, God's goodness and faithful love
will pursue me all the days of my life.**

*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" # 464

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Jim Henderson

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Gracious God,

we are people who still love darkness rather than light.

We hide our shame, but flaunt our acts of virtue.

We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.

We often fail to stand with those who are vulnerable,

but step back, protecting ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray.

Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly.

Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved.

Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives.

Raise us up and shine upon us with your grace.

We pray in the name of the Light of the World.

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

GOSPELREADING John 9:1-41

"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!" NT Page 78

ANTHEM "God so Loved the World" Stainer

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 5:8-16

"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!" NT Page 150

CHILDREN'S TALK Carrie Scaccia

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

SERMON

*HYMN "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" # 172

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 "Orgelstück" Knecht

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 "Live Into Hope" # 332

*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

"Little Fugue in a minor"

attrib JS Bach

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: Carl Longley; Apr 02:

Layreader is Jim Henderson. Apr 02: **Volunteer Needed**

Worship Recorder is John Nethaway. Apr 02: John Nethaway

Deacon Ramp Duty is Keith Butters. Apr 02: Bruce Warcup

Chancel Flowers are in loving memory of Peter Radesi on the 10th Anniversary of his passing; from loving wife, Andrea

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

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Paul & Helen Adsit, Dolly Cieri; Bob, Deanna, Stephanie & Dylan Cook; Mary Lou Alguire, Robin Barker and their families and Seminary Students

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

Utica Presbytery Presents "Holy Congregations-A Day for Presbyterians". Sat, April 29 / 9am To 2pm / At 1st Pres Rome; Look to the Copperspire for Details!

Happy Birthday Samantha! The Board of Deacons asks that we deluge Sam with a "birthday card party"! Please send cards to her overseas military address. A1C Samantha Roush/PSC 41 Box 4998/APO, AE/09464-0050 - Thank you for your service Sam!!