

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 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](#) "Wondrous Love" arr Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader I waited patiently for the Lord, who heard my cry.

People God lifted me up, and set my feet upon a rock.

Leader God put a new song in my mouth,
and praise upon my lips.

All Blessed are those who put their trust in the Lord.

*HYMN "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" # 285

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Carrie Scaccia

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Merciful God, we have strayed from your ways.

Like the Prodigal Son, we've wasted our inheritance.

We squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.

We pursue selfish ambitions.

You gave us the commandments but we break your law.

Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.

Draw our wandering hearts back to you

that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.

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 15:1-3, 11-32

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 59

[ANTHEM](#) "The Lily of the Valley" arr Lloyd Larson

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 139

CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam

(4yr to Gr1 invited to 1st Floor Nursery. Children leave through front exits)

[SERMON](#)

*HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" # 85

*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](#) "Meditation" Fischer

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 "Give Peace" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

...See Laminated Pew Cards for the Lord's Prayer

*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" # 276

*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 in C" Boyce

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!

God's Point of View

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 – First United Methodist

Mon.....PEO meets in Chapel & Kitchenette

Tues.....10:00 amPrayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

7:00 pmSerenity Circle in Parlor

Worship & Music meets

Wed..... 6:30 pmBell Choir

7:30 pmSenior Choir

Thurs 3:00 pmBible Study in Library

BIB Packing at TUCC

NEXT SUNDAY John 12:1-8; Philippians 3:4b-14

8:30 & 10 AM Worship; Communion, Fair Trade

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers are led by Dave Scaccia. Apr 07: Carl Longley

Layreader is Carrie Scaccia; Apr 07: Keith Butters

Worship Recorder is Sue Davidson. Apr 07: Shari Fish

Deacon Ramp Duty is Marge Palmer. Apr 07: Carol Drumluk

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Jim, Ellen, Mary Kate & Erin Kennedy; Ronald & Barbara Rhodes; Jim & Bev Cupples and Forestport Presbyterian Church

PER CAPITA 2019: \$41.14 PER ACTIVE MEMBER

The Rome Clergy Association will host a series of Lenten gatherings each Sunday afternoon during Lent. The gatherings will begin at 4:30 pm with a brief time of worship followed by a time of study and shared reflection on scripture. A pot-luck supper will follow at 5:30. The location will move between churches.

Today..... First United Methodist Church, 400 N. George St.

April 7 First Presbyterian Church, 108 W. Court St.

April 14 First Baptist Church, 301 W. Embargo St