

SERVICE OF WORSHIP / APRIL 02, 2017 · 10:00 AM

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Out of the Depths" Luther/Near

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... O people, can these bones live?

People.. Only the Lord God knows.

Leader... O people, hope in the Lord.

**All With the Lord there is steadfast love
and great power to redeem.**

*HYMN "God Is Here" # 461

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Carrie Scaccia

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us,
who could live, who could stand?**

**We seem to have more faith in human power
than hope in your promise of life.**

**We seek peace through war
and find security in weapons.**

**We often ignore the hungry, sick, and dying,
and pursue wealth instead of treasures of the spirit.**

Even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you!

**Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord,
can save us from death and redeem us from our sin.**

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

GOSPEL READING Romans 8:6-11 NT Page 120
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

ANTHEM "Is It I, Lord?" Ruth Elaine Schram
Maddie Garcia, Flute

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37:1-14
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!" OT Page625

CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam
(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON
*HYMN "Out of the Depths" # 240

*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 "Lamb of God, Our Savior" JS Bach

*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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Each communion tray has a dish of rice cake pieces for those who avoid wheat products

Invitation to the Table

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you / **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts / **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

*The prayer continues and concludes with The Lord's Prayer
...using debts and debtors*

Communion of the People

*HYMN "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" # 504

*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 Prelude in g minor" attrib JS Bach

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

Welcome Visitors. Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you will find in the pew rack. Don't forget to pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher. Please share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship in our parlor

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 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."

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER WORSHIP / APRIL 16
Games – Refreshments – Fun for All!!