

SUNDAY, APRIL 08, 2018 · 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 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" Arr Loemker
(Mfurahini Haleluya)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader O Lord, open my lips.

People.... And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Leader O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

**People.... My whole being desires you,
like a dry and barren land without water.**

Leader Because your love is better than life itself,
my lips will give you praise.

**All I will raise my hands to you in prayer,
and praise you with joy.**

*HYMN "Christ Is Alive!" # 108

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Julie Denton

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders,
in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.**

Have mercy on us; forgive us.

**Enter into our lives and cast out our fear
so that we may come to trust in you
and have life in Jesus' name.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" # 106 (v3)

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.**

**We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.
Repeat Refrain**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING 1 John 1:1 – 2:2
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!" NT Page 187

ANTHEM "Forth He Came At Easter" David H. Williams

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 4:32-35
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!" NT Page 93

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

SERMON

*HYMN "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" # 106

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Jubilation" Leavitt

Song of Praise "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" # 106 (v4)

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.**

**Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.
Repeat Refrain**

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Spiritual

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer
...using "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

*HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" # 118

*BENEDICTION – 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 "Hornpipe" Handel

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

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS LOCATION

(Nursery Available on the First Floor – Room 107)

Multi-Age Group..... Room 206

Grades 7 - 12 Room 201

"Learning Forgiveness" Chapel

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today....10:00 am Worship followed by Coffee Break/Fair Trade

11:15 am Church School Classes

Noon Youth Choir

Tues.....10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

7:00 pm Serenity Circle/Rockin' the Spirit

Wed..... 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thurs7:30 am Western Pastor Group

3:00 pm Afternoon Bible Study

BIB Packing

Sat11:00 am Memorial Service for Sis Markham

NEXT SUNDAY....1 John 3:1-7; Acts 3:12-19

Food Pantry Collection

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers are led by Carl Longley. Apr 15: Jim Henderson

Layreader is Julie Denton; Apr 15: Gail Tucker

Worship Recorder is Valerie Wood. Apr 15: Katina Schell

Deacon Ramp Duty is Candy Warner. Apr 15: Kiki Hinman

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Liz & Jim Clough, Frank & Ruth Jokinen, Darlene & Russ Fielding; Rich, Amy, Emily, Izzy & Faith Turner; Rob & Helen Tracy & 1st Pres Ilion

New Deadline: The Rev. Robert A. O'Meara Scholarship has a new application deadline of April 14, 2018 for the 2018 fall semester. Applicants may visit for application and instructions <http://romecollegefoundation.com/oMeara.php>