

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 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 "Rondo in G" Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**People.. God has given us a new birth
in the living hope of the resurrection.**

Leader... God has given us an inheritance that is indestructible.

People.. In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

Leader... For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**All For the outcome of our faith is the healing of our lives,
salvation and life and peace.**

*HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" # 118

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Jay Fish

Invitation

Unison Prayer

God, you have made known to us the ways of life.

**Yet, too often, we put other things above you
and turn away from the ways of life
and toward the ways of death.**

**Forgive us and guide us back into your presence,
that we may know the fullness of joy.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Christ Is Alive!" # 108 (v1)
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:14a, 22-32
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 90

ANTHEM "Glory and Honor" Lotti

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 182

CHILDREN'S TALK Julie Denton

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

SERMON

*HYMN "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" # 308

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Acts 10:38-43

**God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with
power.**

**He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by
the devil, for God was with him.**

**They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised
him on the third day and allowed him to appear to those who
were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with
him after he rose from the dead.**

**He is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through
his name.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music Variations on "Kingsfold" Vaughn Williams/Lind

Song of Praise "Christ Is Alive!" # 108 (v5)

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Robert Jackson

Silent Prayer

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

*HYMN "Thine Is the Glory" # 122

*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 "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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes: Dave Scaccia; Apr 30: Carl Longley

Layreader is Jay Fish. Apr 30: Raymond Tucker

Worship Recorder is Sue Davidson. Apr 30: Tom McGibbon

Deacon Ramp Duty is Sue Storms. Apr 30: Amy Garcia

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

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Carol & Al Drumluk, Candy & John Fay, Gage Bates, and 1st United Pres Little Falls

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...HERE – THIS SATURDAY FROM 9A TO 2P
"HOLY CONGREGATIONS - A DAY FOR PRESBYTERIANS"**

Plenary Session I: "The Link Between Spiritual and Emotional Maturity" / Presenter – Keli Rugenstein, Director of Eastern Door Counseling Center

Workshops include: "Making Advance Directives"; "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations"; "So You're Clerk of Session";

Plenary Session II: Presentation of results of the Landscape Survey and work on new vision and strategic plan for Utica Presbytery

Cost - \$10 includes lunch; please tell us about any food allergies.
To Register contact the Rev. Naomi Kelly at 315-369-8253