

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 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 "Praeludium in D" Buxtehude  
(Prelude and Fugue)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader .... In the wilderness, water brings life.

**People.... Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

Leader .... In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**People.... Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

Leader .... In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior  
nourishes everyone.

**People.... Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Leader .... Here is the water of life, the word that feeds,  
the food of eternity.

**All ..... Come and praise the one that gives us all good things.**

\*HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate" # 327

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Jack Grow

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**God of mercy, we confess**

**that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.**

**We have not loved others as you have loved us.**

**We have denied the promises of baptism**

**and cut ourselves off from you.**

**Forgive us, restore us,**

**that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy,**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

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

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

1 John 4:7-21

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ANTHEM

"It Is Good to Praise the Lord!"

Carter

NEW TESTAMENT READING

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

Acts 8:26-40

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CHILDREN'S TALK

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

Pastor Sam

SERMON

\*HYMN

"Near to the Heart of God"

# 527

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music

"Offertoire"

Franck

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

"Bless the Lord"

Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

...using "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

\*HYMN "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" # 343

\*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

"Praeludium in D"

Buxtehude

(Conclusion)

**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

"With One Voice" ..... Chapel

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today....10:00 am ..... Worship followed by Coffee Break

11:15 am ..... Church School Classes

Noon ..... Youth Choir

Mon..... 6:30 pm ..... Relay for Life – Pampered Chef

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

7:00 pm ..... Serenity Circle

Worship & Music meets

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

7:30 pm ..... No Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thurs ..... 3:00 pm ..... Afternoon Bible Study

Sat .....10:30 am ..... Book Talk with Helen Adsit & Barbara Rhodes

Family Burial of Faith Merrill

**NEXT SUNDAY....**1 John 5:1-6; Acts 10:44-48

Holy Communion, Fair Trade Product Sales

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** are led by Dave Scaccia. May 06: Carl Longley

**Layreader** is Jack Grow; May 06: Mary Grow

**Worship Recorder** is Shari Fish. May 06: Tom McGibbon

**Deacon Ramp Duty** is Bonnie Herter. May 06: Mary Grow

**Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List:** The Family of Faith Merrill; Sandy Braun, Carol & Al Drumluk, Keith & Joyce Butters; Gerry, Julie & Curtis Pilny & 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Lowville