

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 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 Variations on "Simple Gifts" arr Lau

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... Followers of Jesus,  
by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

People.. Alleluia!

Leader... By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

People.. Alleluia!

Leader... By his love we are made new  
in the living and enduring Word of God.

All ..... Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

\*HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" # 150

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Raymond Tucker

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption:  
power disguises itself as truth;  
convenience masquerades as goodness;  
selfish pleasure imitates love.**

**We confess to you, O God,  
that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
save us from these deceptions  
and free us for glad obedience,  
that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection  
and receive the promise of everlasting life.**

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35 NT Page 68  
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

ANTHEM "In the Garden" K McChesney  
Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41 NT Page 91  
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

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

SERMON

\*HYMN "I Danced in the Morning" # 302

\*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 "All Night, All Day" S Tucker

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

Silent Prayer

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

\*HYMN "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy" # 430

\*BENEDICTION – concluding with  
Pastor: ... God is good **People: .....All the time!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

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 "Jubilato Deo" Kerr

**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:** Carl Longley; May 07: George Vickers

**Layreader** is Raymond Tucker. May 07: Danielle Sexton

**Worship Recorder** is Tom McGibbon. May 07: Valerie Wood

**Deacon Ramp Duty** is Amy Garcia. May 07: Diane Burns

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

**Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List:** David Nolan, Ron Owens, Mellony & Dominick Spinelli, and 1st Pres Lowville

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

"Sacred Spaces and Places" ..... Choir Room

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

11:15 am ..... Church School followed by Youth Choir

12:30 pm ..... JOY serves at Loaves & Fishes

Mon..... PEO Card Party in dining hall

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

7:00 pm ..... Serenity Circle in parlor

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

7:30 pm ..... Senior Choir rehearses

Thurs ..... 3:00 pm ..... Afternoon Bible Study/BIB Packing at Trinity

Sat .....10:30 am ..... Unity Day with Imam Memic

Noon ..... Women of Worship Award