

SERVICE OF WORSHIP / MAY 07, 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 "Greet the Rising Sun" Lachenauer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

People.. For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Leader... Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

People.. Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Leader... Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.
All For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

*HYMN "Down to Earth, As a Dove" # 300

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Danielle Sexton
Invitation
Unison Prayer

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example.

When we have been insulted, we have gotten back at those who hurt us; we have returned evil for evil.

We have gone astray.

Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name.

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 2:42-47
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 91

ANTHEM "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr John Carter

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 2:19-25
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 183

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

SERMON

*HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" # 521

*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 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Boeringer

*Song of Praise "Christ Is Alive!" # 108 (v5)
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 "The Lord's My Shepherd" # 170

*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 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" arr Esmond

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
"Sacred Spaces and Places" Choir Room

Adult Church School Continues Today: "Sacred Spaces and Places" *We will look at sites around the world that are considered sacred. What makes them sacred? How can we create our own sacred spaces at home or in the office? What can we do to create and maintain sacred spaces and the relationships that go with them in our own community?*