

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 · 10:00 AM

CHOIR RECOGNITION

(*) 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](#) "Shenandoah" arr Jason Krug
Joyful Ringers Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... Bless the Lord, O people! Sing!

People.. Let the sound of praise ring out.

Leader... Come and hear what the Lord has done –

All the Lord who has made everything!

*HYMN "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" # 155

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Don Hanson

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments;
we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear.**

**Wash us in the water of life that we may live again
through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our risen Savior.**

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

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 183

[ANTHEM](#) "If Ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis

Senior Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17:22-31

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 105

CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam

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

[SERMON](#)

*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" # 339

*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](#) "O God, to You We Lift Our Song" Brahms
Youth Choir

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 "Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Iverson

Silent Prayer

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

*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" # 376

*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](#) "When in Our Music" arr Powell

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: Don Hanson; May 28: Dave Scaccia

Layreader is Don Hanson. May 28:

Worship Recorder is John Nethaway. May 28: Shari Fish

Deacon Ramp Duty is Nancy Morgan. May 28: Amy Garcia

Coffee Break is immediately after worship in our Dining Hall. Please celebrate Choir Recognition. Join us for fellowship and refreshments!

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Jan and Rolf Brynildsen, Bernice Williams, Vi Stirling, Ernie Stockwell, Sandy Taylor, members of our church & North Gage Presbyterian Church, Utica

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

"The Three Kings" Choir Room

Adult Church School continues thru next week: "The Three Kings" led by Dan Ferens. Although "We Three Kings" is a Christmas Carol relating to the event on Epiphany (Jan 6), it's rewarding to study the lives of the 3 greatest kings of Israel, Kings Saul, David, & Solomon, anytime! This class shows us what we can learn from the life of each of those kings. Come join us for an exciting study and an opportunity for growth in our Christian faith

The Oneida Area Civic Chorale presents: "50th Anniversary Spring Concert" / Sun, Jun 04 at 4pm in our sanctuary. The concert will be the final event in a special weekend featuring world renowned composer, pianist and conductor Mark Hayes. Hayes will rehearse with the Chorale and appear with them in the concert. Tickets for the concert are \$10, available from Chorale members and the Church Office. Our congregation will be treated to a piece, led by Hayes, during our 10am service on June 04