

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017 · 10:00 AM**

*(\* Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, Sunday Worship hymn sheets & Bulletins & wireless hearing aids available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Grant Us Peace" Janowski/Ore

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... I waited patiently for the Lord, who heard my cry.

**People.. God lifted me up, and set my feet upon a rock.**

Leader... God put a new song in my mouth,  
and praise upon my lips.

**All ..... Blessed are those who put their trust in the Lord.**

\*HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" # 144

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Carrie Scaccia

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Loving God, we confess before you:**

**We do not always bring honor and glory to your name.**

**We are rebellious and weak;  
we hide from your goodness.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
by the grace and mercy of Christ,  
that we may rise up again in peace  
to love and serve your world.**

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 1:6-14  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 90

ANTHEM "Sing Forth, Rejoice!" John Amner, arr. Hopson

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 184

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

SERMON

\*HYMN "There Is a Balm in Gilead" # 394

\*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 "Jesus Loves Me" Bradbury/Held

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 "The Lord is my Light" Berthier

Silent Prayer

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

\*HYMN "Lift High the Cross" # 371

\*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 Variations on "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"  
In Honor & Memory of Those Who Serve arr Freudenburg/Johnson

**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; Jun 04: Carl Longley

**Layreader** is Carrie Scaccia. Jun 04: Muffy Engelbert

**Worship Recorder** is Shari Fish. Jun 04: Tom McGibbon

**Deacon Ramp Duty** is Amy Garcia. Jun 04: Kiki Hinman

**Coffee Break** is immediately after worship in our parlor. Join us for fellowship and refreshments! Please help clean up if you are able

**Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List:** Bill & Bonnie Herter, Ralph Pezzula & Family; Raymond, Heather, Wes, Jason & Fenna Tucker; Tom & Theresa McGibbon & New Hartford Pres Church

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 concludes today:** "The Three Kings" led by Dan Ferens. 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 pieces led, composed or arranged by Hayes, during our 10am service