

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 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 Variations on arr Dinda
"This Little Light of Mine"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

All Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

*HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" # 263

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Ray Tucker

Invitation
Unison Prayer

**Patient and persistent God,
we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room
as if we knew what to expect,
as if this were a safe and predictable place,
as if we could simply observe.**

Holy One, forgive our lukewarm expectations.

In the mystery of your love, overshadow us.

**Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts
until we bloom and spill with your passion
to serve in a world that is suffering and waiting for your love.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Glory Be to the Father" # 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 25:19-34
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 17

SPECIAL "All Good Gifts" Stephen Schwartz
MUSIC David Kolb, Soloist

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 10

CHILDREN'S TALK

Helen Adsit

SERMON

*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" # 339

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Invitation
Offertory Music "Though I May Speak" arr Diemer

Song of Praise "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 593
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen...Amen...

*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 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" # 369

*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 Postlude on "St. Denio" arr Held

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

Calling All Readers! Have you used our wonderful church library lately? There are lots of great reads in every genre, and it is very user-friendly! Check it out!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 8:30 am Early Worship
10:00 am Worship Begins followed by Coffee Break
7:00 pm Oneida Chorale Kick-Off Concert
Tues 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies
1:30 pm Rescue Mission Cook (Liz Capt)
Wed 4:20 pm Rescue Mission Serve (413 E Dominick St)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes: George Vickers; Jul 23: Kevin Taylor

Layreader is Ray Tucker; Jul 23: Helen Adsit

Worship Recorder is Tom McGibbon. Jul 23: Shari Fish

Deacon Ramp Duty is Mary Davis. Jul 23: Sue Storms

Coffee Break is immediately after 10am worship in our parlor. Join us for fellowship and refreshments! Please help clean up if you are able

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Susan & Brenden Hatzinger, Sybil McDonough, Ron & Arlene Pfeuffer, Armen & Cindy Roubian; Dave, Carrie, Megan, Michael & Maryrose Scaccia & Westminster-Moriah-Olivet Presbyterian Church, Utica

NEXT SUNDAY....Genesis 28:10-19; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
8:30 & 10am Worship Services

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

1ST ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Come Have Lunch & Talk about the Neighborhood with the **residents who live in our surrounding blocks! We'll supply** the burgers, dogs, buns, condiments, and ask people from the congregation to contribute baked beans and potato salad. rain or shine – 11:30 to 1pm. This will be an opportunity to get to know better the people who live in the church neighborhood and to learn from them about their concerns for the neighborhood, what would improve it for the people who live there, and how the church can get involved. Watch for additional details!

