

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 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 "Hymn to Joy" Beethoven/Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader... O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People.. Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader... Glory in God's holy name; let your hearts rejoice.

People.. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence always.

Leader... Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

All Let us worship with glad hearts!

*HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" # 281

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Danielle Sexton

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**O God, whose judgment shows our broken places
and whose mercy seeks to mend us:**

**We confess that we have turned away from you
and have not lived with upright hearts.**

Forgive us for failing to follow you.

**Guide our feet to walk in your ways
and serve your world to the glory of your name.**

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 29:15-28

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SPECIAL

MUSIC

"So Art Thou to Me"
Vocalist, Samantha Steagall

K. Lee Scott

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam

SERMON

*HYMN "O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go" # 384

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

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Miniature No. 5" Howells

Song of Praise "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 592

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

*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 "The God of Abraham Praise" # 488

*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

"Cortège"

Young

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today.....8:30 am Early Worship
10:00 am Worship Begins followed by Coffee Break
Tues.....10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies
Thurs 6:00 pm CE Committee meets
Sat11:30 am Neighborhood Picnic

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes: Don Hanson; Aug 06: Dave Scaccia

Layreader is Danielle Sexton; Aug 06: Jack Grow

Worship Recorder is Sue Davidson. Aug 06: Jay Fish

Deacon Ramp Duty is Sue Davidson. Aug 06: Bonnie Herter

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: Chris Hayden, Jim & Pam Henderson, Brian & Melissa Hickernell, Ed & Mary Pilok, Howard & Winnie Sears and Presbytery of Utica Personnel Committee

NEXT SUNDAY....Genesis 32:22-31; Matthew 14:13-21
8:30 & 10am Worship Services

Vacation Bible School will be Aug 21-25 at 1st United Methodist Church, Rome. Mon – Thurs is the program, from 6-8 PM for children pre-school thru grade 5. Friday is a family cookout and the children will share things they made and learned and sing songs. Pastor Sam is recruiting people from our church to lead crafts and to be helpers in general; please be sure to speak with him if you can help! Mark your calendars for this fun week of learning and fellowship.

WALMART HAS BACK TO SCHOOL ITEMS ON SALE!!

Please help with our School Kit drive, once again led by Sarah Briggs – Thank you Sarah!! If you don't have time to shop, please feel free to donate a few dollars and Sarah will do the shopping for you! Don't forget Back-to-School sales – Items needed include: One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip), Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper), One 30-centimeter ruler (12"), One hand-held pencil sharpener, One large eraser, Six new pencils with erasers, One box of 24 crayons (only 24), One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. Thank you in advance