

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018 · 10:00 AM**

(\*) Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, bulletins & wireless hearing aids are available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Recit from Michel  
"Petite Suite in Blue"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader ... How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

**People .. My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD.**

Leader ... My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**People .. Happy are the people who dwell in your house!**

**All..... Let us always be praising you and putting our trust in our Sovereign God.**

\*HYMN "How Lovely, Lord" # 207

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Brian Burke

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Almighty God,  
you love us, but we have not loved you.**

**You call, but we have not listened.**

**We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.**

**We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

**God of grace,  
help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

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 I Kings 8:22–30, 41–43  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 243

SPECIAL "Sing God a Simple Song" Bernstein  
MUSIC Michael Ferris, Soloist

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 6:10–20  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 151

CHILDREN'S TALK Julie Denton

SERMON

\*HYMN "Christ of the Upward Way" # 344

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

OFFERING

Invitation  
Offertory Music "Siciliano" Alcock  
Michael Ferris · Tom McGibbon, Recorders

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  
Delaware Recap: Jon Denton  
Silent Prayer  
Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer  
...using "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

\*HYMN "Abide with Me" # 543

\*BENEDICTION – concluding with  
Leader: . Remember that 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

"Processional in D" 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!

**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 Service

Coffee Break in parlor

10:00 am.....Worship Service

Tues... 10:00 am.....Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

Thurs ... 6:00 pm.....CE meets

7:00 pm.....Session meets

**NEXT SUNDAY ....**Pastor Sam returns to the pulpit  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23; James 1:17-27  
8:30am Worship Services conclude

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Ushers** are led by Carl Longley. Sep 02: Jim Henderson

**Layreader** is Brian Burke; Sep 02: Bill Nee

**Worship Recorder** is Jay Fish. Sep 02: Katrina Schell

**Deacon Ramp Duty** is Gail Tucker. Sep 02: Bruce Warcup

**Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List:** Calvin Reed, Julie, Bob, Jon & Evie Denton; Jack & Mary Grow and Weaver Home of the Presbytery of Utica