

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2017 · 10:00 AM

() Those who are able, please stand.*

Large print hymnals, bulletins & wireless hearing aids available

Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

HYMN SING

Leader: Pastor Sam

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The heavens declare the glory of God!

People.... The skies proclaim God’s handiwork.

Leader The day pronounces God’s glory without a sound,

**People.... the night expounds God’s knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.**

**All Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God’s glory!**

*HYMN “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” # 417

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Brian Burke

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill.

**You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines,
and kept watch over us by night and day.**

**But we have not yielded the good fruit
that you expected or desired.**

**We are overgrown with sin,
choked with violence and injustice.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Uproot our evil, prune away our sin,
and shower upon us the gift of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33-46

“The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!” NT Page 18

ANTHEM “The Lily of the Valley” Lloyd Larson

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:4b-14
“The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!” NT Page 153

CHILDREN’S TALK Julie Denton
(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON

*HYMN “My Life Flows On” Receive Hymn Insert
from Usher Team

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

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music “10, 000 Reasons” arr Peggy Betcher
Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir

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

Choral Prayer “The Lord is My Light” Berthier

Silent Prayer

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

*HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” # 339

*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 “Paeon” 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.....9:45 am Hymn Sing
- 10:00 am Worship followed by Coffee Break
- 11:15 am Church School
- Noon Youth Choir
- 3:00 pm ChoirFest in our Sanctuary
- Mon..... Church Office Closed for Holiday
- 4:45pm Stewardship Committee meets
- 6:00 pm Hunger Walk Team in parlor
- Tues.....10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies
- 5:00 pm Peace Prayer Vigil in Library
- 7:00 pm Serenity Circle in parlor
- Wed..... PW Gathering at Stone Pres Clinton
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts in Dining Hall
- Thurs 7:30 am Western Pastor Group
- 3:00 pm Afternoon Bible Study
- BIB Packing
- Fri 7:00 pm Rockin’ the Spirit in Dining Hall

NEXT SUNDAY....Matthew 22:1-14; Philippians 4:1-9
Rome Area Hunger Walk, Pantry Collection for Walk
Youth Choir in Worship

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

“Journey of the Universe” Choir Room

Today Journey of the Universe; Using his skills as a masterful storyteller, Brian Swimme connects big picture issues. A sweeping look at the universe, from the Big Bang to the epic impact humans have on the planet today, this film is designed to inspire a new and closer relationship with Earth in a period of growing environmental and social crisis. We will not have lunch today as previously published. We’ll host the Choirfest instead!