

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
And the glory forever. ~ Amen.**

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" [376]**

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING **[391 v. 6]
Take my love; my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee
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POSTLUDE *Fumi Nakayama*

**Please stand as you are able.*

[Bold type] indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

APRIL 23, 2017

9:30 A.M.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Annli Nakayama

FIRST THOUGHT

Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it's an element of faith.

Paul Tillich

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Risen Christ, come to us this day as we gather to worship

All: **Come to us through the closed doors of our hearts and minds.**

One: Risen Christ, speak words of reassurance into our lives

All: **And take away our fears and doubts**

One: Risen Christ, let Your peace still our troubled hearts

All: **And breathe Your joy into our lives.**

*HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" [478]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

Welcome! Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, welcome to this sanctuary. Here we celebrate the love of God and are inspired by the hospitality of Jesus who welcomed all. May you find something of God's peace, love and grace as we worship together.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Lou Schuler

Dear God, we confess that our doubts and our fears are more real than we often admit. We sing Your praises one day, and the next we question Your existence. You have blessed us with grace, but we fail to share it. You have called us to new life, but we get stuck in old habits. You invite us to believe without seeing, but we want proof.

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God, through the Risen Christ, speak words of forgiveness into our lives. Comfort us in knowing that seen, or unseen, the Risen Christ is with us always. ~ Amen

(Let us continue to pray in silence.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven**

*ACT OF PRAISE

[370 v.2]

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jeff Gustin and Marc Pigeon

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HANDBELL CHOIR

Meditation on "Beautiful Savior"
(arr/Cathy Moglebust)
In Memory of Peg Rendall

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31 [115]

SERMON

"When Easter Doesn't Happen" *Rev. Gillian Weighton*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(During this time, children and their teachers leave for Sunday School.)

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"I Danced in the Morning" [302]

VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

Did you know that by volunteering a few hours each month YOU can make a positive impact on someone else's life?

Our Food Pantry could always use more volunteers. It is open the first through the fourth Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

This would be a great experience for a high school student who needs to complete community hours for school.

If you'd like to make a difference, meet new people and are willing to work hard for a few hours each month, please email: karinwroach@gmail.com or hansen1@execpc.com

Food Pantry

*We are in need of soups, pasta meals,
canned tuna and canned fruit!*

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

WED., APRIL 26 — Linda Schubert, Jenny and Megan Humphreys

THURS., APRIL 27 — Nancy Hennessy, Ginny Holle, Molly Ringwalt

If you cannot make your shift, please find a sub and let LuAnn or Karin know.

WELCOME, ALL!

Welcome to this sanctuary.
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.
Welcome to this family of faith.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We're glad you're here today and pray that your experience with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

9:30 a.m. Worship * 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Nursery care is available during worship service in Room 205.

STAY CONNECTED

WEB SITE: firstpresracine.org

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To receive our mid-week E-votional along with news about what's going on in the church, call/email the office and ask to be added to the list!

APRIL 23, 2017

GREETERS: Elie Hunt, Marge Henze

USHERS: Denise Park, Lissy Blandford, Bob and Kerry Frank

PERK-N-POUR: John & Linnea Brooke, Mary Lou Schuler

LITURGIST: Mary Lou Schuler

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2017

Sun., April 23	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., April 24	1:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Delivery Office Closed
Tues., April 25	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open
	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Newsletter Prep Party
	3:30 p.m.	Music & More Meeting
Wed., April 26	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open
	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Thu., April 27	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open
	12:45 p.m.	Welcome Wagon Book Club & Tour
	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri., April 28	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday the 30th for worship with Scripture reading from Luke 24:13-31.



Prayers Requests

Prayers for our church family—including Shawna Lehmann, Bonnie Eastman, Peggy Taylor, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Don and Nancy Tobias, Mary Lou Hill, Marlene Wilson, Annette Anderson, Beth Elzinga, Evelyn Gayhart, Larry Cardwell, Maggie Seater, Lucille Von Rotz—mother of Diane Lehmann, Mary Larscheidt—sister of Carrie Massey, and the mother of Nicole Higgs.

Special prayers at this difficult time for the Stahl Family, as they mourn the passing of Myron.

Prayers for our military—Captains Mary & Eddie Callahan, Andy Loth, Lt. Col Jay Brooke, Nicholas Hansen, Christopher Hansen, Jordan Smith, Scott Pence, Chad Lawrence, Kyle Sondergaard.

Prayers for our friends— Lt. Col. Matt Brooke—Army, Retired, Rose Truckey—friend of Pam Simpson and Karen Schneider—friend of Bill & Lissy Blandford, Jeff Erickson from the Caledonia Fire Dept. Healing prayers for those who are going through rough times—whether emotionally, physically or spiritually.

Prayers are requested for our mission partners in Cuba, pastors Ary and Beidy and the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church in Matanzas.

Also keep those in your thoughts and prayers who remain bright, cheery and positive, although they may not have a comfortable place to lay their heads or food to fill their bellies. And a special prayer for all those who lend a helping hand to make the world a brighter place for others.