

\*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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" [403]

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BLESSING [390 v. 6]

**Of all my prayers, may this be chief;  
Till faith is fully grown,  
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief,  
And claim me as Your own.**

POSTLUDE *Alejandro Alumbremos*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN STAFF — JOYFULLY SERVING**

ALL OF US - Ministers

REV. GILLIAN WEIGHTON - Senior Pastor

REV. STEVE FRINGER - Visitation Pastor

ALEJANDRO ALUMBREROS - Organist & Choir Director

NANCY BUCK - Handbell Choir Director

DORIS DESCHLER - Financial Secretary

SHELLEY MAURER - Church Secretary

MARK PAFFRATH - Music Leader

PEGGY TAYLOR - Parish Nurse



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 13, 2017

9:30 A.M.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

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PRELUDE *Alejandro Alumbremos*

FIRST THOUGHT  
Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.

*Winston Churchill*

One: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: We gather here to worship God  
All: **Who comes to us when we least expect it**

One: We gather here to offer our prayers  
All: **And to seek God’s loving guidance**  
One: We listen again to hear God’s Word  
All: **And hear the comforting message, “Don’t be afraid”**

One: Our fears are calmed when we remember that we are in God’s presence always, so let us worship God

OPENING HYMN **“When Morning Gilds the Skies” [487]**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME  
*Welcome! Whoever you are, wherever you come from and whatever you have done or failed to do, welcome to this place where we celebrate the love of God and are inspired by the hospitality of Jesus Christ. May you find God’s love, peace and grace as we worship together.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Ken Schacht*  
**Loving God, You have brought us to this place and we remind ourselves we are Your beloved. Though we have failed You, still You forgive us. Give us Your peace as we confess our sins and seek Your healing. Forgive our lack of faith and our nagging doubts.**

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**Remind us that You are to be trusted and that all things are known to You. Startle us with Your amazing grace that forgives us and reclaims us as Your very own. As we have been forgiven, give us the good grace to forgive those who have wronged us. Teach us to be more Christ-like, to love without counting the cost, to trust in Your leading and to live in Your service. ~ 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 [390 v. 1]

**O Savior, in this quiet place,  
Where anyone may kneel,  
I also come to ask for grace,  
Believing You can heal.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:22-33 [N.T. p. 16]

SERMON “Defying Limitations”  
*Rev. Gillian Weighton*

LIVING THE WORD

PASSING THE PEACE  
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
All: **And with you**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE **“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” [341]**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

**Prayers for our church family**—including Bonnie Eastman, Val Karls, Julia Reeser, Barb Rowe, Ollie Hopkins, Peggy Taylor, Larry Cardwell, Maggie Seater, Mary Lou Hill, Annette Anderson, Beth Elzinga, Don and Nancy Tobias, Ed Lehmann, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Evelyn Gayhart, Richard Seversen—Todd’s father, Mary Jensen—sister of Elaine Jacobson, Mary Larscheidt—sister of Carrie Massey, Lucille Von Rotz—mother of Diane Lehmann, and the mother of Nicole Higgs.

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

**Prayers for our friends**— Lt. Col. Matt Brooke—Army, Retired, Karen and Cindy—friends of Bill & Lissy, and Cousin James in Michigan. And healing prayers for those who are going through rough times—whether emotionally, physically or spiritually.

And a special prayer for all those who lend a helping hand to make the world a brighter place for others.

*Prayer*  
♥ *Changes things*  
*Let us pray for you with Faith*  
*Believing*  
HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

## FOOD PANTRY

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:**

WED., AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup> — Kate Gleason, Mac MacCaughey, Julia Reeser

THURS., AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> — Myrna Kryger, Judy Rowland

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



While out doing your own shopping, search for sales on bars of soap, toothpaste and deodorant. We could also use a steady supply of peanut butter. As always, thank you!

### 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  
Fellowship to follow

**Nursery care is available during  
worship service in Room 205.**

### STAY CONNECTED

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### GET THE WEEKLY “E-VOTIONAL”

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!



## MUSIC & MORE FINALE FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

### PERFORMERS:

**Andrea Nitz (violin)**

**Cecilia Trio (Ann Heide, violin; Andrea Nott, cello;  
and Fumi Nakayama, piano)**

**Lynda Schlitz Ensemble (Lynda Schlitz, vocal;  
Joseph Ketchum, violin; Maggie Rebers, piano)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AUGUST 13, 2017

GREETERS: Ken Nakayama, Karin Roach

USHERS: Dennis & Nancy Reeser, Julia Reeser,  
Ken Schacht, Pam Wortley

PERK-N-POUR: Royce & Barbara Earnest, David & Nicole Higgs

LITURGIST: Ken Schacht

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2017

Sun., Aug. 13	9:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Screening
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., Aug. 14		Office Closed
Tue., Aug. 15	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wed., Aug. 16	10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.	Underground Railroad Tour
	12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Thu., Aug. 17	2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Fri., Aug. 18	7:00 p.m.	Music & More Concert Finale

Please join us next Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for worship and scripture reading from Genesis 45:1-15.

#### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!

Today's Open House for Barbara Rowe has been **cancelled**, as she is not well enough at this time to receive groups of visitors.

Rebecca Rowe is staying with her Aunt Barbara and would like all to know that very short individual visits could be handled if you wish to stop by Barbara's house, but to please call first. As always cards and phone messages would also mean a lot to Barbara.

Please join **ANGELS FOR ALZHEIMER'S** for the Walk to End Alzheimer's® or, if you can't walk, consider making a donation.

The forms are located in Ihrman Hall. Even a small step can make a **BIG** difference!



**Mearl Mahl Youth Music Scholarship**—We've awarded two \$500 scholarships (Andrea Nitz in 2015 and Annli Nakayama in 2016). We'd like to present a youth scholarship again this summer at the Season Finale Music & More Concert and ask you to consider making a donation to this fund.

Checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church, *for Mearl Mahl Youth Music Scholarship Fund*.

For more information, contact Georgia Hall. Thank you!



Before or after worship today, please stop by Ihrman Hall to see Peggy Taylor and Tony Aiello for your blood pressure screening or just to say hello!

**NOTICE—THERE WILL BE NO INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP MEETING THIS MONTH!**