

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 the children and their teachers may leave for Sunday School.)

*SONG OF RESPONSE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” [28]

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

“ See Amid the Winter’s Snow” [51]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

[56 v. 6]

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel.**

POSTLUDE

**“Snowflake Hornpipe”
Trad. American**

**Please stand as you are able.*

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



*December 31, 2017
9:30 a.m.*

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE "The Darkness Falls Softly"
Trad. Austrian

FIRST THOUGHT
A new year coming and God is with us—in loving, in caring, in hoping and expecting, God is with us and never lets us go.
God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: On this threshold of a new year, we gather to worship God.

All: We come celebrating the message of Christmas, God with us.

One: We come with gratitude to God who has brought us safely to this moment and this place.

All: On the threshold of a new year, we gather to ask God’s guidance and help for the future.

One: Come, let us with the heavenly host sing praise to God.

*OPENING HYMN "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" [22]

*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
One: God is the witness to our lives, God sees all we do and fail to do. God hears what we say, and what we don’t say. God is also the One who cleanses us, who makes us pure, who forgives us. Join me as we pray to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Linda Schubert*

Dear God, You are the source of life, the giver of every blessing and the One who came into the world out of love for every person. Speak words of forgiveness into our lives today. Forgive us when we fail to trust You and when we turn away from You. Speak to us tenderly and lovingly, remind us again that we are Your beloved and that Your promise to be with us always is a promise we can trust. May the Light of Christ show us Your way, may the love of Christ overflow from our lives to others; may the life of Christ be our model as we seek to be Your people. ~ 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 [53 v. 1]

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES

SPECIAL MUSIC "A Star in the East"
*Traditional American
Text—English
Reginald Heber*

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:11-14 [O.T. p. 731]

SERMON "On the Threshold"
Rev. Gillian Weighton

WANTED

A youth or adult volunteer is needed to help find historical images and / or articles to be placed on the First Presbyterian Church website. Research as much of the information as desired. Please contact Pam Wortley wortley_pj@icloud.com / 262.498.3566) or Nancy Reeser (maui71@att.net / 262.632.7807) for more information.
THANK YOU!



Thank you for supporting our Cuban Partnership by purchasing photo cards of our Cuba trip. You have purchased \$180 in card sales and this money has been donated to the Cuba Fund. After the first of the year you will see a card rack with cards for continued support of this mission.
¡Muchas gracias!



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^{AM}—Worship
 10:15^{AM}—Sunday School

Fellowship to follow in Ihrman Hall.

Nursery care is available during worship service in Room 205.

A NOTE FROM DORIS—
If you haven't done so already, please pick up your offering envelopes, located in the back of the church. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., JAN. 3RD — *Maria Hansen, Ken Schacht, Elizabeth Tews, Pam Wortley*
 THURS., JAN. 4TH — *Barb Armstrong, Helen Kim, Sue Sheehan, Vi Shufelt*

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



During this cold weather, we'd like to provide our clients with hearty soups, beef stews, corned beef hash, meaty chilies and, per usual, peanut butter! As always, thank you!

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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!

December 31, 2017

GREETERS: *Marge Henze and Elie Hunt*

USHERS: *John & Linnea Brooke, Bud Eastman, Bob & Nancy Moore*

PERK-N-POUR: *The Reesers and the Ritters*

LITURGIST: *Linda Schubert*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Sun., Dec. 31	9:30 ^{AM}	Worship
Mon., Jan. 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Tue., Jan. 2	11:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting
Wed., Jan. 3	12:00 ^{PM}	Bible Study
	5:00 ^{PM} to 7:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
Thu., Jan. 4	2:00 ^{PM} to 4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
	7:00 ^{PM}	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
Fri., Jan. 5	1:30 ^{PM}	Delivery—Food Pantry

Please join us January 7th at 9:30^{AM} for Worship and Communion.
Scripture reading from Matthew 2:1-12.

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

DODIE KERKMAN - Sexton

SHELLEY MAURER - Church Secretary

MARK PAFFRATH - Music Leader

PEGGY TAYLOR - Parish Nurse



prayer

Prayers for our church family—including David Perkins, Larry and Ellen Cardwell, Marlene Wilson, Don and Nancy Tobias, Darrell Sutton, Maggie Seater, Ollie Hopkins, Beth Elzinga, and Annette Anderson. Please keep Adam Reiss—son of Ellen Cardwell, Mary Larscheidt—sister of Carrie Massey, Mary Jensen—sister of Elaine Jacobson, Stephen Goodall—grandson of Ollie and Sandy Hopkins, Hannah Yale and Kevin Liszewski—daughter & son-in-law of Debbie Yale, Lucille Von Rotz—mother of Diane Lehmann, and the mother of Nicole Higgs in your prayers.

Prayers for our military—Scott Pence, Lt. Col Jay Brooke, Nicholas Hansen, Jordan Smith, Chad Lawrence, Kyle Sondergaard.

Prayers for our friends— Lt. Col. Matt Brooke—Army, Retired, Ben and Ethan. 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.

**UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

- ◇ January 21 - Food Pantry Update
- ◇ February 4 - Mary Oliver
- ◇ February 25 - Rainer Maria Rilke

Please join us in the Parlor—at 10:45^{AM} (i.e., after worship).

ALL ARE WELCOME!

