



## GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

*Alejandro Alumbremos*

FIRST THOUGHT

Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding. ~  
Mahatma Gandhi

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here is the place where we praise God  
All: **With this family of faith, we delight in being together.**

One: Here is the place we seek comfort and peace  
All: **God, meets us here and fills us again with strength for the journey before us.**

One: Here is the place where we are challenged and inspired  
All: **To live as God's people and to follow in the way of Jesus whose love knew no limits**

One: With words and with silence, with praise and prayer, come let us worship God.

\*HYMN **"O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand" [269]**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Martha Fusco*

Loving God, gracious Spirit, remind us of Your love poured into our lives, even when we do not deserve it. Forgive us for not loving others with the same generous spirit. We are quick to judge, ready to condemn and unwilling to listen to others. Forgive us and inspire us to be more gracious. Help us to understand others, to be more attentive and to lead by example, showing tolerance, grace and respect. Give us courage to walk the way of Jesus who was the very embodiment of love. Through Jesus may we be forgiven and may His peace strengthen us and uplift us.. ~ 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.1]

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HANDBELL CHOIR

**"Celebration Tapestry"**  
*by Kevin McChesney*  
*(Commissioned by our Handbell Choir, 2009)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:38-48 [N.T. p. 5]

SERMON

**"That's Not Natural"**  
*Rev. Gillian Weighton*

LIVING 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

**"Come, All Who Look to God" [pp. 8-9]**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

[592]

**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**

# FOOD PANTRY

*Peanut Butter & Jelly \* Soups & Stews*

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., FEB. 22 — Jenny Humphreys, Linda Schubert, Megan Humphreys

THURS., FEB. 23 — Ginny Holle, Nancy Hennessey, Mary Ringwalt

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

## WHAT THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THE MOST!



- ◆ Canned meats: Think beyond tuna and soup, which food banks get tons of. Instead go for canned beef, canned ham, canned chicken. Or hearty ready-to-go meals like beef stew and chili with meat.
- ◆ Canned fruit: Not pineapple. This is the most commonly donated fruit. Any other fruit, particularly those in fruit juice without extra sugar, would be great.
- ◆ Boxed meals THAT REQUIRE ONLY WATER. Hamburger Helper is not helpful if you don't have hamburger.
- ◆ Peanut butter, jams and jellies
- ◆ Instant oatmeal, instant grits
- ◆ Cans of beans
- ◆ Biscuit or baking mixes (again that only require water)
- ◆ Cans, cartons or boxes of powdered and evaporated milk
- ◆ Snack items for kids to take to school: juice boxes, apple-sauce containers, granola bars
- ◆ Spices like cinnamon, oregano, basil, salt, pepper
- ◆ Bags of apples or potatoes.
- ◆ Diapers in sizes above newborn, plus wipes toiletries: soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, warm socks, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, Chapstick® (consider someone living outside at this time of year)
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products: unscented pads will be most universally used, not tampons
- ◆ Soaps - body wash, dish soap, laundry detergent
- ◆ Chocolate. It's not a necessity but a great pick-me-up when life gets to be too much! (for volunteers only)



## 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  
Fellowship to follow in Ihrman Hall

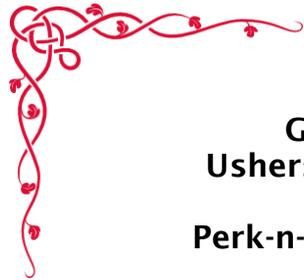
**Nursery care is available during worship service in Room 205.**



## STAY CONNECTED

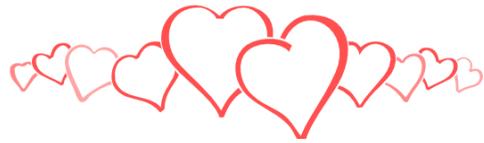
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Racine, WI 53403

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!



**FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

**Greeters:** Martha Fusco, Nancy Ritter  
**Ushers:** Ben Neal, James Yonker, Bill Anderson,  
David Griffith, Jerry Ritter  
**Perk-n-Pour:** Dave & Ginny Holle, Ed & Jody Holle  
**Liturgist:** Martha Fusco



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

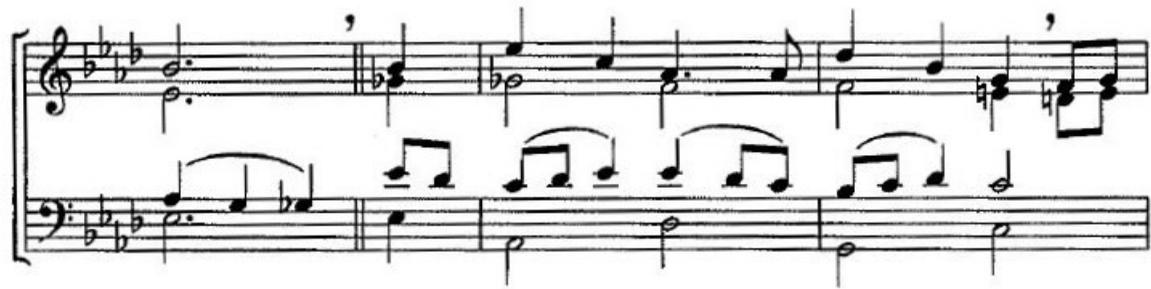
Sun., Feb. 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., Feb. 20		Office Closed
Tues., Feb. 21	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Open Session Meeting
Wed., Feb. 22	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Open Bible Study Food Pantry Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Feb. 23	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Office Open Food Pantry
Fri., Feb. 24	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open

**Please join us Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for worship in Ihrman Hall  
with Scripture reading from Matthew 17:1-9.**

- 1 Come, all who look to God today,  
stretch out your hands, enlarge your mind,  
together share his living way  
where all who humbly seek will find.
- 2 Come, young and old of every faith,  
bring all your treasuries of prayer,  
and seek the living Spirit's breath  
to realise the truths we share.
- 3 Bring your traditions' richest store,  
your hymns and rites and cherished creeds;  
explore your visions, pray for more,  
since God delights to meet fresh needs.
- 4 Come, trust in God and live in peace,  
anticipate that final light  
when strife and bigotry shall cease,  
and faith be lost in praise and sight. Amen.

Richard G. Jones (b.1926)

# Come, All Who Look to God



**Prayers for our church family**—including Bonnie Eastman, Lissy Blandford, Don and Nancy Tobias, Peg Rendall, Marlene Wilson, Peggy Taylor, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Annette Anderson, Beth Elzinga, Mary Lou Hill, Evelyn Gayhart, Larry Cardwell, Maggie Seater, Mary Larscheidt—sister of Carrie Massey, and the mothers of Elizabeth Tews and Nicole Higgs. Healing prayers for those who are going through rough times—whether emotionally, physically or spiritually.

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



**Prayers for our friends**— Jeff Erickson from the Caledonia Fire Dept., Lt. Col. Matt Brooke—Army, Retired, Karen Schneider—good friend of Bill and Lissy Blandford and Alex Stinefast—nephew of our church secretary.

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.



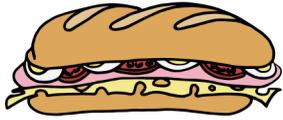
*Begin the journey to the cross*

**MARCH 1, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL**

**Short service of reflection and imposition of ashes**

# Announcements

## Cuban Sandwich



**Fundraiser**— Please plan to join us on Sun., Mar. 5, for a delicious Cuban sandwich, filled with roasted pork, ham, Swiss cheese, mustard and a pickle on a fresh piece of Cuban bread. The sandwiches will be served with sides of rice, beans, plantains and the popular flan for dessert!

It will be served downstairs in the Dining Room immediately following worship. A free will offering will gladly be accepted and monies raised will be used for the Mission trip to Cuba this year.

We hope you can join us and enjoy the fellowship but if not you can take a plate home with you. We hope to see you there!

## Youth Mission Trip

This year's **Youth Mission Trip** is scheduled for Sunday, JULY 9 - SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017.

If you are interested in participating in the youth mission trip this summer, please contact Pastor Gillian as soon as possible.

All youth 12 years and older are welcome to come on this trip to South Carolina.

A reminder that our **Sanctuary** will be closed MON., FEB. 20 THRU FRI., MAR. 10. This will allow the contractors adequate time to put up the scaffolding, paint the ceiling and remove the scaffolding while keeping everyone safe.

Our **Chapel Art Exhibit** includes artwork by Ellen & Larry Cardwell, Ardath Trebra, Don Tobias, Lissy Blandford, Sarah and Jen Seversen.

*Art Show*

Visit the Chapel to see the creativity of our parishioners. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with the artist's name on the memo line.

*Please note: Not all artwork is for sale.*

## A Note from

*Doris*

Submit your 2017 PER CAPITA dues now, so you won't have to worry about it at the end of the year. Thank you!

*A Friendly Reminder*

Bulletin articles are due each Wednesday by 12:30 p.m., for the following Sunday's bulletin.

## 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  
VAL KLASS - Sexton  
SHELLEY MAURER - Church Secretary  
MARK PAFFRATH - Music Leader  
PEGGY TAYLOR - Parish Nurse