

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.**

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

\*CLOSING HYMN "As with Gladness Men of Old" [63]

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BLESSING [58 v. 6]

All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace:  
Good will to all from highest heaven  
Begin and never cease!

POSTLUDE Alejandro Alumbremos

\*Please stand as you are able.

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

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*Keep an eye open for our latest newsletter and calendar for ...*

**January**

**REMINDER — THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO PICK UP THE 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SANCTUARY!**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2017  
9:30 A.M.



## GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbros

FIRST THOUGHT

Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

One: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of ages past, we gather as Your people have done through the ages

**All: We come with gratitude for Your gracious provision.**

One: God of the future, we gather to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

**All: We come listening for Your Word and longing for Your peace.**

One: God of new beginnings, we gather on this first Sunday of a new year.

**All: We come as they came to the manger, to worship You**

\*HYMN

**“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” [210]**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Steve Fringer

**Creative God, You make all things new in heaven and on earth.**

**We come to You at the beginning of this new year with our new hopes and our old fears. We come with our new dreams for the future and our old hurts that tie us to the past. God of love and mercy, forgive what is over and done. Open our lives to new possibilities and our hearts to new ways of loving. Take from us all that would hinder us from stepping into the future with faith and trust, knowing that You go before us and that You walk with us every moment of our lives. ~ 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

[36 v.4]

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12 [N.T. p. 2]

HOMILY

LIVING THE WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

**“We Three Kings of Orient Are” [66]**

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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Table at First Presbyterian is open to all. Friends from other traditions are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper because Christ is our host. Children who are being nurtured in the faith are also welcome. We invite all to share in this meal in order to be renewed and assured of God’s love and grace.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Servers will be available to bring Communion to those who wish to remain in their seats.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2017

Sun., Jan. 1	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Communion Happy New Year!
Mon., Jan. 2		Office Closed
Tues., Jan. 3	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open
Wed., Jan. 4	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., Jan. 5	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Office Open Food Pantry
Fri., Jan. 6	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open Pastor's Day Off

**Please join us next Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for Worship  
Scripture for Bible Study and Sunday Worship—Mark 1:1-13**



#### FOOD PANTRY:

*Peanut Butter & Jelly \* Soups & Stews \* Mac & Cheese*

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

WED., JAN 4 — Elaine Jacobson, Pam Wortley, Ken Schacht

THURS., JAN. 5 — Denise Park, Vi Shufelt, Barb Armstrong

*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  
Fellowship to follow in Ihrman Hall.

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

#### STAY CONNECTED

**WEB SITE:** firstpresracine.org

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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!



#### 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



**JANUARY 1, 2017**

**Greeters:** Linda Schubert, Mary Lou Schuler

**Ushers:** Larry Dickerson, Sharon Campbell, Jeff Leavell, Martha Fusco

**Perk-n-Pour:** Dave & Ginny Holle, Ed & Jody Holle

**Liturgist:** Rev. Steve Fringer



Today's flowers and fellowship refreshments are in honor of the 34th anniversary of Larry & Ellen Cardwell.



**Prayers for our church family**—including Lissy Blandford - as she faces surgery this coming week, Bonnie Eastman, Don & Nancy Tobias, Peg Rendall, Marlene Wilson, Peggy Taylor, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Annette Anderson, Beth Elzinga, Mary Lou Hill, Larry Cardwell, Maggie Seater, and the mothers of Elizabeth Tews and Nicole Higgs.

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

**Prayers for our friends**— Jeff Erickson and Al Hagen from the Caledonia Fire Dept., Lt. Col. Matt Brooke — Army, Retired and Alex Stinefast—nephew of our church secretary.

Also those 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.

**Annual Report**



The 2016 Annual Report will be available for distribution on Sun., Jan. 15, 2017.

Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sun., Jan. 29—after worship.

The meeting will be followed by our Chili Cook-off.



**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!

**Amahl and the Night Visitors**  
by Giancarlo Menotti

**FRI., JAN. 6 AND SAT., JAN. 7, 2017—7:00 P.M. AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



This is a family-friendly opera about a young boy, his mother, the Three Kings, and a miracle. CAS is excited to present Amahl as a fully staged performance which will be perfect for all generations to enjoy together.

Inspired by the composer's childhood in Italy, and by Hieronymus Bosch's painting "The Adoration of the Magi," this Christmas themed opera by Giancarlo Menotti was commissioned by NBC as the first opera written specifically for television. It debuted in December 1951, and has since become a holiday favorite.

TICKETS:

ADULTS \$15 IN ADVANCE/\$17 AT THE DOOR  
SENIORS \$12 IN ADVANCE/\$14 AT THE DOOR  
STUDENTS \$5.

ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PERSONAL TOUCH FLORISTS IN RACINE AT 4060 N. MAIN ST. OR 5445 SPRING ST. OR ONLINE AT [WWW.CHORALARTSONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.CHORALARTSONLINE.ORG), OR AT THE DOOR.

CONTACT THE CAS BY E-MAIL [ADMIN@CHORALARTSONLINE.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@CHORALARTSONLINE.ORG), OR CALL 262-634-3250

*Art Show*

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

**NOTICE: PASTOR GILLIAN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FROM MON., JAN. 9 THRU FRI., JAN. 20, AS SHE WILL BE DOING HER CONTINUING EDUCATION OUT OF STATE.**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR STEVE.**