

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 [316 v. 1]

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

POSTLUDE *Alejandro Alumbremos*

*Please stand as you are able.

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

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.



THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY ON JANUARY 11TH OR 18TH.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2017
9:30 A.M.



GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbremos

FIRST THOUGHT

In Jesus, God's-being-with-us included God's being in the river with us, in the sorrow of repentance and the joy of new life with us. So what if he did not have anything of his own to be sorry about? ~ Barbara Brown Taylor

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God comes to us in the waters of our baptism

All: These waters heal and cleanse us

One: God comes to us in the still small voice

All: Speaking into our lives, affirming we are beloved

One: God comes to us through Jesus

All: Whose baptism was a sign of his solidarity with us

One: God comes to us and now we come to God to worship

*HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies [487]

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Meyer Schaal

Gracious God, we come to celebrate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. We remember that for our sakes Jesus was baptized and at that moment knew Himself, beloved by You. Pour Your baptismal waters over us again and reassure us that we are Your beloved. Wash away our jealousy and greed, our self-pity and arrogance. Take from us all negative thoughts and petty behavior. Make us into new people, forgiven and refreshed, renewed and ready to go into the world to be a blessing to others. ~ 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 WITH THE CHILDREN

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Come Follow That Star”
by Don Besig

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-13 [N.T. p. 34]

SERMON

“Come In: The Water’s Fine”
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

“Fairest Lord Jesus” [306]

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**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2017

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| Sun., Jan. 8 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| Mon., Jan. 9 | | Office Closed |
| Tues., Jan. 10 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Office Open |
| Wed., Jan. 11 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Office Open Food Pantry Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| Thurs., Jan. 12 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Office Open Food Pantry |
| Fri., Jan. 13 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Office Open |

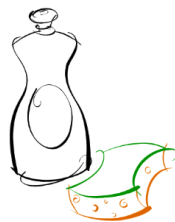
Please join us next Sunday the 15th at 9:30 a.m. for Worship



FOOD PANTRY:

Keep an eye open for sales on soap products!

Laundry Soap * Dish Soap * Body Wash * Bar Soap



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., JAN 11 — Nancy Reeser, John & Linnea Brooke, Debbie Yale

THURS., JAN. 12 — Steve & Pam Simpson, Julie Nigh, Denise Harris

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

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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!



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 8, 2017

Greeters: Martha Fusco, Nancy Ritter

Ushers: Ben Neal, Jerry Ritter, James Yonker, Bill Anderson, David Griffith

Perk-n-Pour: John & Linnea Brooke, Mary Lou Schuler

Liturgist: Meyer Schaal

Just a reminder that Peggy Taylor (parish nurse) and Tony Aiello (church member) will be doing **blood pressure screenings** in Ihrman Hall TODAY—before and after worship. Please stop by to see them for a screening or to just say hello!



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.



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, Karen Schneider's - good friend of Bill and Lissy Blandford 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.

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!



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.*

The **Senior Gems and Deborah Circle** ladies will get together on Tuesday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. for brunch and a planning time for our joint and/or separate events in 2017. Join us at Meli's Pancake House and Restaurant, 1158 Prairie Drive (located on the right side of Hwy 20 as you head west, near the Marriott and Case High School), where space has been reserved for our group under the name of First Presbyterian Church.

We welcome any suggestions for new or favorite things you hope to have included in our schedule for the new year. Contact Ginny Holle or Leah Fisher, if you will be coming or want to recommend a meeting idea. Thank you!



The next **Community Meal** is quickly approaching on Tues., Jan. 17!

We will again need donations of casseroles, milk, bread, fresh fruit, and lettuce and dressing; and help preparing and serving the meal. If you can help please sign up on the poster in Ihrman Hall. Prep at 2:00 at church, transport food to meal site 1032 Grand Ave. at 4:30, and serve at 5:30 p.m.

Any questions? Please call Debbie Yale -- 262.639.5004 (h) or 262.498.8753 (c)

And speaking of meals—they are needed during Lissy Blandford's recovery from knee surgery. If you can help out, please contact Pam Simpson at 262.637.2275 or pamsimpson65@gmail.com.

