

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

“Be Thou My Vision” [339]

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

“Poetic Theme & Variation”  
*Composed by Nancy Faber*  
*Megan Griffith—pianist*

\*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**

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

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” [399]

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BLESSING

[335 v. 3]

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.**

POSTLUDE

*Alejandro Alumbrosos*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

JANUARY 15, 2017  
9:30 A.M.



## GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

*Alejandro Alumbremos*

FIRST THOUGHT

*“Whether your faith is that there is a God or that there is not a God, if you don’t have any doubts you are either kidding yourself or asleep. Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.” ~ Frederick Buechner*

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

[from “A Brief Statement of Faith”]

One: In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**All: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

One: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**All: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

\*HYMN

**“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” [483]**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Michael Griffith*

Holy and Gracious God, merciful beyond our imagining, you have made us in your image and command us to love you and one another. But too often we turn from you and pursue false gods. We harden our hearts, ignore your words, and seek our security and peace down familiar dead ends. Forgive us. Create in us once again a clean heart and a right spirit. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and help us to make Your will our own. In Christ we pray. ~ 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

[313 v.1 ]

**Come down, O love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*by Bill Ingram*

*(Based on a traditional Afro-American spiritual)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 40:1-11

SERMON

*Rev. Steve Fringer*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2017

Sun., Jan. 15	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., Jan. 16		Office Closed
Tues., Jan. 17	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Office Open Underground Railroad Tour
Wed., Jan. 18	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Open Intercessory Prayer Food Pantry Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Jan. 19	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Office Open Underground Railroad Tour Food Pantry
Fri., Jan. 20	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	Office Open Newsletter Deadline

*Please join us next Sunday the 22<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for Worship*

*A Friendly Reminder*

**DIRECTLY AFTER NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE IS  
THE CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING.**



### FOOD PANTRY:

**Keep an eye open for sales on soap products!**

*Laundry Soap \* Dish Soap \* Body Wash \* Bar Soap*

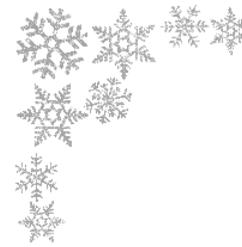


### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., JAN 18 — Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Kate Gleason, Julia Reaser

THURS., JAN. 19 — Martha Fusco, Judy Rowland, Myrna Kryger

*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!

The Mission Committee will be sponsoring the Chili Cook Off again on Sunday, January 29th, immediately following the Congregational meeting (downstairs in the Dining Room). Please sign up in Ihrman Hall to bring your favorite chili and desserts.

The cost will be \$5.00 per person \$15.00 for a family and \$5.00 for a take home container.

The monies raised will be used for the Mission trip to Cuba this year. We look forward to seeing many of you there to enjoy the chili and the fellowship!



JANUARY 15, 2017

**Greeter:** Mary Lou Schuler

**Ushers:** Dennis & Nancy Reeser, Julia Reeser, Ken Schacht, Pam Wortley

**Perk-n-Pour:** Vi Schufelt, Debbie Yale

**Liturgist:** Michael Griffith

Notice: Pastor Gillian continues to be **unavailable** due to her studies out of state.

Should any **emergency** arise, please contact Pastor Steve.

Additionally, there will be **no Bible Study on the 18th.**

 **Prayers for our church family**—including Lissy Blandford, Barb Rowe, 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**—Kyle Sondergaard, Lt. Col Jay Brooke, Andy Loth, 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 - 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.

 **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 next **Community Meal** is this Tuesday the 17th! We will again need donations of casseroles, milk, bread, fresh fruit and lettuce and dressing; along with help preparing and serving the meal.

If you can help please sign up on the poster in Ihrman Hall. Prep at 2:00 p.m. at church, transport food to meal site 1032 Grand Ave. at 4:30 p.m., 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 pamlsimpson65@gmail.com.

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!

Today's special rosebud is **in honor of Finn Mason Cifax**, son of Arnold & Emma (Mason) Cifax and grandson of Debby Capener.

Congratulations, Grandma!!

