

## LIVING THE WORD

### 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.

### 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.**

#### *Sharing the Bread and the Cup*

As directed by the ushers, please come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Servers are available to bring Communion to those who wish to remain in their seats. Gluten-free crackers are available in each basket.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All: God, Your grace is never ending and Your love endures throughout our lives. With joyful hearts and refreshed spirits, we give thanks for this bread and wine, food for our souls. United as a family of faith we pray that You would go with us into the future and give us continued strength for the journey that lies ahead. ~ Amen**

### GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

\*CLOSING HYMN "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" [564]

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BLESSING [280 v. 4]

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

POSTLUDE

*Alejandro Alumbrreros*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 2, 2017  
9:30 A.M.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

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PRELUDE

*Alejandro Alumbremos*

FIRST THOUGHT

Jesus comes not for the super-spiritual but for the wobbly and the weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together, and who are not too proud to accept the hand-out of amazing grace. As we glance up, we are astonished to find the eyes of Jesus open with wonder, deep with understanding and gentle with compassion.

*Brennan Manning*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ calls us to worship in this holy place

All: **Here we find rest for weary souls and comfort for heavy hearts**

One: Christ calls us to learn what He can teach

All: **Here we find direction for our lives**

One: Christ calls us to share bread and wine at the table

All: **So that we are strengthened to return to the world to love and to serv.**

One: Let us worship God together

OPENING HYMN

**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" [281]**

\*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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Steve Fringer*

**Holy and merciful God, You are the creator of all life and the One who offers healing through forgiveness. We are surrounded by beauty, yet we often fail to look at it with wonder. We are symbols of**

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**hope, yet we often succumb to despair. We are blessed beyond measure, yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity. We are uncommonly free, yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday's failures. We are gifted and graced as a people of faith, yet we often fail to let our light shine. We are loved beyond measure, yet we often fail to pass on Your love. In these moments of shared silence, encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with Your deep wisdom ~ 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

[280 v. 1]

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:25-30 [N.T. p. 12]

SERMON

**"Declaring Our Dependence"**  
*Rev. Gillian Weighton*

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**

## Prayer Requests



**Prayers for our church family**—including Val Karls, Julia Reeser, Barb Rowe, Adrienne Paffrath, Ollie Hopkins, Bonnie Eastman, Don and Nancy Tobias, Larry Cardwell, Peggy Taylor, Maggie Seater, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Mary Lou Hill, Annette Anderson, Ed Lehmann, Beth Elzinga, Evelyn Gayhart, Mary Jensen—sister of Elain Jacobson, Mary Larscheidt—sister of Carrie Massey, Lucille Von Rotz—mother of Diane Lehmann, and the mother of Nicole Higgs.

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

**Prayers for our friends**— Lt. Col. Matt Brooke—Army, Retired, Karen and Cindy—friends of Bill & Lissy, and Cousin James in Michigan. Healing prayers for those who are going through rough times—whether emotionally, physically or spiritually.

Prayers are requested for our mission partners in Cuba, Pastors Ary & Beidy, along with the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church in Matanzas.

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.



Please pray for our youth, along with Ben and Gillian, as they head off on their mission trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee. We pray that they will make many happy memories and lasting friendships, while helping those less fortunate.

The van leaves from the church parking lot on Sun., July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 a.m.—sharp! They will return late on Fri., July 14<sup>th</sup>

## 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  
and Communion  
Fellowship to follow

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

## STAY CONNECTED

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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!



## MUSIC & MORE THURSDAY, JULY 6 AT NOON

### Performers:

**RMTA Piano Winners (student winners of piano competitions)**  
**Zachary Scot Johnson (vocal & guitar)**  
**Mark Paffrath (vocal & guitar)**

## JULY 2, 2017

GREETERS: Ken Nakayama & Karin Roach  
USHERS: Dennis & Nancy Reeser, Julia Reeser,  
Ken Schacht, Pam Wortley  
PERK-N-POUR: Elaine Jacobson & Bev Eifert  
LITURGIST: Steve Fringer

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 2, 2017

Sun., July 2	9:30 a.m.	Worship and Communion
Mon., July 3		Office Closed
Tue., July 4		Office Closed
Wed., July 5	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Office Open
	12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Thu., July 6	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Office Open
	12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Music & More
	2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Fri., July 7	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Office Open

Please join us Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.  
for Worship with Pastor Steve.

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

WED., JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> — Pam Wortley, Ken Schacht  
THURS., JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> — Barb Armstrong, Denise Park, Vi Shufelt

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

# Announcements

## Cuba Travelers Meeting

All Cuba Travelers to Meet on Sunday July 2, 2017 after Worship in the Chapel. Travelers need to discuss details of travel etc.

## Mark Your Calendar!

The Deacons' Picnic will be held on Sun., July 16<sup>th</sup> at Lockwood Park, located at 4300 Graceland Blvd. Worship begins at 10 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch. Please see sign-up sheets in Ihrman Hall - side dish/salad or dessert.



## Needed in the Pantry ...

Who likes peanut butter? We do! Who Needs Peanut Butter? WE DO!! We are in need of peanut butter, so we're asking for your help to stock up on it.



## Music & More



It's not too late to make a donation to Music & More! Donations are welcome at any time. Our expenses continue to increase, and your financial support is needed. Donations also can be made to the Mearl Mahl Youth Music Scholarship Fund. This is an annual \$500 award given to a young person each summer at our Season Finale Concert. Andrea Nitz and Anli Nakayama are previous recipients. Thank you for your support!

## Note from the Office ...

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helps to get our newsletter out each month!!