

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" [261]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING [473 v. 1, 2 & 4]

**For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and a round us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This hymn of grateful praise.
For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This hymn of grateful praise.
For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This hymn of grateful praise.**

POSTLUDE *Alejandro Alumbremos*

**Please stand as you are able.
[Bold type] indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.*

Your Help Is Needed

On July 29, 2017, we will travel to Cuba. We are asking our church family to donate aspirin, vitamins, stickers, coloring books, Spanish/ English pocket dictionaries, pens, pencils, felt material, and kitchen towels. All donations will be gratefully accepted by our partnership church in Cuba.

Please take a minute to write a greeting to members of Central Presbyterian Church in Matanzas, Cuba. Mallory Schaal has created a "Greeting Book," that she will hand deliver to Pastors Ary and Beidy in Matanzas Cuba. The book will contain pictures of First Presbyterian church activities and the greetings you write. Please write in the Greeting Book after church in Ihrman Hall today and at the church picnic on the 16th.

If you are unavailable to write in the Greeting Book, please send your messages to Pastor Gillian.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

JULY 9, 2017
9:30 A.M.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbros

FIRST THOUGHT

“...Man (sic) in his reason may be limited, in his will he may be wicked, yet he stands in a relation to God which he may betray but not sever and which constitutes the essential meaning of life. He is the knot in which heaven and earth are interlaced.”

Rabbi Abraham Heschel

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

All: **Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

All: **My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, you, O God, will not despise.** [Psalm 51]

OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” [464]

*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

Dave Holle

Creator God, we enter your presence in need of the grace we believe we don’t deserve and the mercy we resist giving to others. We enter with wants too numerous to name and sins we’re ashamed to admit. Still we call upon you because we belong to you and you love us with an everlasting love. Amidst storms of guilt and doubt, we believe that you will save and sustain us. Hear our prayers, O God, calm our fears and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Renew our faith and refashion us in the image of the Christ, in whose name 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

[376 v. 2]

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jeff Leavell

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 25:19-34 [O.T. p. 21]

SERMON

Rev. Steve Fringer

LIVING THE WORD

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

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.

Prayer
♥ *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

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

Special prayers for Pat Rogers and her family on the loss of her father—Dale. Additionally, our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of our beloved Adrienne Paffrath.

Prayers are requested for our youth, along with Ben and Gillian, as they travel to Chattanooga, Tennessee for their mission trip. We pray that they make many happy memories and lasting friendships, while helping those less fortunate.

Prayers for our military—Captains Mary & Eddie Callahan, Scott Pence, Andy Loth, Lt. Col Jay Brooke, Nicholas Hansen, Christopher Hansen, Jordan Smith, 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. And healing prayers for those who are going through rough times—whether emotionally, physically or spiritually.

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.

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
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 13 AT NOON

Performers:
Archie Molina (vocal)
Matthew Udry & Scott Cook (cello duets)
Carolyn Wehner (pianist/vocalist)

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GREETERS: Mary Lou Schuler, Bev Eifert
 USHERS: John & Linnea Brooke, Bud Eastman, LuAnn Hansen
 PERK-N-POUR: Debbie Yale
 LITURGIST: Dave Holle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9, 2017

Sun., July 9	5:00 a.m.	Youth Mission Trip Departure
	9:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Screening
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., July 10		Office Closed
Tue., July 11	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Office Open
Wed., July 12	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Office Open <i>No Bible Study</i>
	5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Thu., July 13	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 14	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Office Open
	TBD	Youth Mission Trip Returns

Please join us Sunday, July 16th at 10:000 a.m. for Worship followed by Deacons Picnic at Lockwood Park

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., JULY 12TH — Nancy Reeser, John & Linnea Brooke
 THURS., JULY 13TH — Debbie Yale, Steve & Pam Simpson

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

Announcements

Blood Pressure Screening



Visit Peggy Taylor and Vi Shufelt **TODAY** in Ihrman Hall—before and after worship, for a blood pressure screening!

Worship and Deacons Picnic



Please join us next **SUNDAY THE 16TH** 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.

Daytime Circle - Brewers Game

The Daytime Circle have planned an outing to a Brewer game on **WED., AUG. 6TH**. Anyone interested in going should contact Ginny Holle *by July 15th*, so she has time to get tickets and make arrangements for carpooling. Ginny can be reached at 262.884.0230.



Community Meal

Our church will be hosting the Tuesday night Community Meal again on **July 18th**. We **do not need casseroles** this time, as we will be using some huge packages of chicken patties delivered to our food pantry that we are not allowed to repackage.

What we **will need** are packages of **penne or rigatoni pasta** and jars of **spaghetti sauce**, along with usual **milk, fruit, lettuce and bread**. The sign-up poster  will be in Ihrman Hall. We can always use help in preparing and serving the meal. If you have some time to share on the 18th, meet me at church for prep at 2:00 p.m. or at 4:30 p.m. at the Head Start Bldg.—1032 Grand Ave.

Questions? Call Debbie Yale: 262.639.5004 (home) or 262.498.8753

Pantry Items

While out doing your own shopping, search for sales on—diapers (in sizes above newborn) and/or pull-ups, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, Chapstick®, sunscreen.