

LIVING THE WORD

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: And with you

*SONG OF RESPONSE

“Great God of Every Blessing” [insert]

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.**

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” [478]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

[248 v. 5]

**Search me, O God, search me and know my heart;
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
Keep me from any path that gives You pain,
And lead me in the everlasting way.**

POSTLUDE

Alejandro Alumbros

**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 23, 2017
9:30 A.M.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbremos

FIRST THOUGHT

“Lord, I shall be very busy today. I may forget Thee, but do not Thou forget me.”

Lord Jacob Astley

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wherever we go, God You are there.

All: Your presence is our strength and our hope

One: In the darkest moments of our lives

All: The light of Your love shines on our path

One: From the moment of our birth to this moment right now

All: You are a faithful God, Your love sustain us and Your presence comforts us

One: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

“O God of Bethel” [269]

*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

Lissy Blandford

All-knowing, all-loving God, we come to You with confidence and with open hearts. We have failed You and yet You continue to care for us. You know us better than we know ourselves, and still You love us. When we stray, You seek us out and there is nowhere we can go, but we are in Your presence. We turn to You and find in You a loving heart that forgives us and a caring presence that follows us every day of our lives. Speak the words we long to hear to assure us of Your forgiveness and to affirm our faith that wherever life takes us You are there to be our companion for the journey. In the name of Jesus, 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

[191 v. 1]

**God is our refuge and our strength,
Our ever-present aid,
And, therefore, though the earth remove,
We will not be afraid.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-14 [O.T. p. 577]

SERMON

**“God Only Knows”
Rev. Gillian Weighton**

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, Don and Nancy Tobias, Bonnie Eastman, Peggy Taylor, Larry Cardwell, Maggie Seater, Mary Lou Hill, Annette Anderson, Ed Lehmann, Beth Elzinga, Evelyn Vanderheyden, 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. And our continued thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of our beloved Adrienne.

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.

FOOD PANTRY

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., JULY 25TH — Jenny Humphreys, Megan Humphreys, Linda Schubert

THURS., JULY 26TH — Nancy Hennessey, Ginny Holle, Mary Ringwalt

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

While out doing your own shopping, search for sales on bars of soap, toothpaste and deodorant. We could also use a steady supply of peanut butter. As always, thank you!

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 27 AT NOON

Performers:

Mitchell Proctor (vocal & guitar)

Suzanne Geoffrey (oboe)

Caritas (vocal group with Kathy Berg,

Kate Potter-Barrow & Greg Berg)

Announcements

JULY 23, 2017

GREETERS: Marilyn MacCaughey, Mac MacCaughey
USHERS: Steven Simpson, John Brooke, Zach Vollman,
Mary Bernstein, Steve Bernstein
PERK-N-POUR: Elie Hunt, Peggy Wagner
LITURGIST: Lissy Blandford

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23, 2017

Sun., July 23	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Celebration of Adrienne's Life (<i>St. John's Chapel—DeKoven Center</i>)
Mon., July 24		Office Closed
Tue., July 25	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	1:45 p.m.	Underground Railroad Tour
Wed., July 26	12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Thu., July 27	12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Music & More
	2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Fri., July 28		Gillian's Day Off Newsletter Deadline
Sat., July 29	7:00 a.m.	Cuba Mission Travelers Flight Departure

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

We Need Your Help!

We are looking for a self-propelled 21" or 22" lawn mower, along with a weed trimmer, to maintain the grounds of our church. It would be great if someone has one or both of these items that they're willing to donate to First Presbyterian. Additionally, we could use 10-12 bags of mulch—should you have leftovers.



And finally, keep your eyes open for volunteer sign-up sheets for lawn maintenance and flower bed duty. Thank you!

Cuba Mission Trip

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.

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



Daytime Circle members, friends and spouses—please note that the date for the summer picnic at Bob and Mary Johnson's will be on Tuesday, Aug. 8th at 11:00 a.m., NOT on Thursday, Aug. 10th, as previously announced in the July newsletter. This change was made so that you can attend both the picnic on Tuesday and Music & More on Thursday. Thank you to Mary and Bob for their flexibility!