

LIVING THE WORD

PASSING THE PEACE

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

All: **And with you**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

**“Be Thou My Vision” [339]**

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

**“To God Be the Glory” [485]**

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BLESSING

**“Christ, Be Our Light” [v. 2, *refrain*]**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

**Longing for hope, many despair.**

**Your word alone has pow’r to save us.**

**Make us your living voice.**

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.***

***Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your church gathered today.***

POSTLUDE

*Alejandro Alumbremos*

*\*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 30, 2017

9:30 A.M.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

*Alejandro Alumbremos*

FIRST THOUGHT

“Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in.”

*Leonard Cohen*

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy God, we come to worship You

All: You are the source of all life, the giver of all blessings and the hope of our future

One: Jesus, Son of God, we come to follow You

All: And in following find a purpose for life and strength for the journey

One: Spirit of God, we come to renew our own spirits

All: To drink deeply from the well of Your overflowing love

One: So together we come to worship God and to celebrate the blessings of this life

OPENING HYMN

**“God of Grace and God of Glory” [420]**

\*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

*Kristin Holmberg-Wright*

**Gracious God, we confess that we have not put our trust in you, and that we left your path to follow the ways of the world. We have rejected your truths because they asked too much of us and have settled for the comfort of half truths and lies. Rich in things but poor in soul, we turn to you to be made whole again and to know the peace and joy only you can give. In your mercy, O God, hear our prayer. Instruct us again in your ways that we may truly be your people and serve you alone. In the name of 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

**“Christ, Be Our Light” [v. 1, refrain]**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.***

***Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21 [N.T. p. 74]

SERMON

“The Questions That Shape Us”  
*Rev. Steven Fringer*

*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 Adriane.

**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., AUG. 2<sup>ND</sup> — Ken Schacht, Pam Wortley

THURS., AUG. 3<sup>RD</sup> — Barb Armstrong, Denise Park, Vi Shufelt

*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. And, 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

**Website:** [firstpresracine.org](http://firstpresracine.org)

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Racine, WI 53403

### 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, AUG. 3 AT NOON

### Performers:

**Jill Jensen & Jack Grassel (vocal & guitar)**  
**Jillian Bruss Ensemble (vocal & piano)**

## JULY 30, 2017

GREETERS:

USHERS: Larry Dickerson, Jen Seversen

PERK-N-POUR: Ginny & Dave Holle, Brian Weisbrod

LITURGIST: Kristin Holmberg-Wright

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30, 2017

Sun., July 30	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., July 31		Office Closed
Tue., Aug. 1	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed., Aug. 2		<b>No Bible Study</b>
	5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Thu., Aug. 3	12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Music & More
	2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Fri., Aug. 4	2:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Delivery
Sat., Aug. 5	11:00 p.m.	Cuba Mission Travelers Return

Please join us Sunday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.  
for Worship and Communion.

Scripture reading will be Matthew 14:13-21.

*Pastor Gillian will be on the Cuba Mission Trip  
thru Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Steve will be  
available, should any emergencies arise.*

# Announcements



**Daytime Circle members** will get together at Bob & Mary Johnson's home, 523 13th Avenue, on Tues., July 8-11:00 a.m. for our **annual pot-luck picnic**. Please bring a dish to share and lawn chairs.

*Spouses and other guests are invited* to this relaxing event. Thanks, Mary and Bob, for your gracious hospitality every year!

On behalf of the **Mission Committee** and the **Cuba Travelers**, a sincere THANK YOU for the contribution of items and prayers to our Partnership Church Central Presbyterian Church in Matanzas. Your gifts are greatly appreciated and the thanks will be magnified upon receipt of all of your donations and prayers by our partnership church. Your generosity is an inspiration to all that are faith filled. Once again our Church Family hits a homerun! Thanks—muchas gracias!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Ollie & Sandy Hopkins for their donation of a self-propelled lawn mower. It will make the task of mowing so much easier. We could still 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!

The **Memorial Committee** oversees funds that are donated in honor of or in memory of church members. The Committee directs those funds toward projects that enhance the beauty and historical value of the Church, contribute to the mission and programs of the Church, and respect the memory of the people for whom the money was donated. Rather than going towards routine maintenance, we try to support things that have lasting impact and durability.

The Committee operates in response to requests from Church members. If you have requests, suggestions, would like more information, or would like to help with the Memorial Committee (we're looking for some new members!), contact Royce Earnest ([rearnest1@wi.rr.com](mailto:rearnest1@wi.rr.com)).