

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN "All Things Bright and Beautiful" [267]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING [285 v. 3]

**God, Your word is still creating, Calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in Your image, We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.**

POSTLUDE *Alejandro Alumbremos*

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

Notes from the Office ...

♦ **Oops! Our apologies for omitting the names of our confirmands from last week's bulletin:**

**MICHAEL GRIFFITH ELLIOTT HARRIS AUSTIN MOULDS
 MEYER SCHAAL BEN WAHLEN**

♦ Pastor Gillian is continuing her education, in Austin, Texas. She returns on June 17th. Pastor Steve will be available should any emergencies arise.

♦ We will be celebrating graduations on **SUNDAY, JUNE 25th**. If there is a graduate we should be acknowledging, please email a small blurb and photo to: office@firstpresracine.org, no later than Wed., June 21st. Thank you to those who have already submitted information!

♦ The deadline for July's newsletter and calendar is Thurs., June 22nd at 12:30 p.m.

♦ The newsletter prep party will be at noon on Tuesday, June 27th.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**JUNE 11, 2017
9:30 A.M.**

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbrreros

FIRST THOUGHT

“Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I’m not sure about the former.”

Albert Einstein

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of all glory, on this first day You began creation, bringing light out of darkness.

All: **On this first day You began Your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.**

One: On this Lord’s Day grant that we, the people You create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all Your works in praising You for Your great glory.

All: **Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise You now and forever. ~ Amen**

OPENING HYMN

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” [288]

*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

Bruce Armstrong

Gracious God, Creator of life and new life: we confess that we are creatures disposed to use and abuse Your good gifts. You created us and You have given us all things to enjoy, but we are poor stewards of Your gifts, this earth, and its resources. Forgive us for our greed and our failure to share and to live simply. Remind us of the fragile balances of life and help us to live on this planet and with one another reverently and respectfully. In the name of Jesus 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

[555 v. 1]

**Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers’ arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHANCEL CHOIR

“River in Judeah”
by Jack Feldman

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-13 [O.T. p. 1]

SERMON

“Out of Chaos ...”
Rev. Steve Fringer

LIVING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Morning Has Broken”
by Eleanor Farjeon

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 Requests



Prayers for our church family—including Julia Reeser, Barb Rowe, Bev Eifert, Adrienne Paffrath, Ollie Hopkins, Louise Shapley, Larry Cardwell, Bonnie Eastman, Don and Nancy Tobias, Maggie Seater, Peggy Taylor, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Mary Lou Hill, Annette Anderson, Ed Lehmann, Beth Elzinga, Evelyn Gayhart, 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. 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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN STAFF — JOYFULLY SERVING

ALL OF US - Ministers
REV. GILLIAN WEIGHTON - Senior Pastor
REV. STEVE FRINGER - Visitation Pastor
ALEJANDRO ALUMBREROS - Organist & Choir Director
NANCY BUCK - Handbell Choir Director
DORIS DESCHLER - Financial Secretary
VAL KLASS - Sexton
SHELLEY MAURER - Church Secretary
MARK PAFFRATH - Music Leader

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, June 15 at Noon

Performers:
Chris Ghilani & Maria Sharpe (vocal & instrumental)
Corelli Ensemble (violins, cello, piano)
Anna Nuzzo & Tom Kneesel (vocal & guitar)

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GREETERS: Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey
USHERS: Steve Simpson, Bruce Dickerson, Zach Vollman,
Steve & Mary Bernstein
PERK-N-POUR: Dave & Ginny Holle
LITURGIST: Bruce Armstrong

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 11, 2017

Sun., June 11	9:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Screening
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir at St. Luke's
Mon., June 12		Office Closed
Tue., June 13	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Office Open
	6:00 p.m.	PEO Mtg (Ihrman Hall)
Wed., June 14	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., June 15	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Office Open
	10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	Bible Book Club (Fireside Room)
	12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Music & More
	2:00—4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Fri., June 16	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Office Open

Please join us Sunday the 18^h at 9:30 a.m.
for Worship and Baptisms.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., JUNE 14TH — Nancy Reeser, Linnea & John Brooke

THURS., JUNE 15TH — Myrna Kryger, Judy Rowland

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

Announcements

Handbell Choir at St. Luke's Church

In honor of St. Luke's 175th anniversary year, the community is invited to a concert presented by the First Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir. This free event will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, on Main & 7th, at 3:30 p.m. **TODAY!**

Blood Pressure Screening

Also **TODAY**, Peggy Taylor and Tony Aiello will be doing blood pressure screenings in Ihrman Hall—before and after worship. Please stop by for a screening or to just say hello!

Daytime Circle

Daytime Circle members are invited to attend Music and More this THURSDAY THE 15TH, when Leah Fisher's daughter, Chris Ghilani, performs. Please note that the date of June 22 as shown in the First News for her performance was incorrect.

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, June 18th, there will be a congregational meeting directly following service. This will be to receive the names of nomination of officers.

Mark Your Calendar!



The Deacons' Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 16th at Lockwood Park, located at 4300 Graceland Blvd. Worship begins at 10 a.m., followed by picnic lunch. Keep an eye open for further details.