

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN

“Live Into Hope” [332]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

[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 mother’s arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours 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.

**REVERSE
OFFERING
TODAY!**



We are looking for help to decorate
First Presbyterian Church on
Sat., Nov. 25th.

We will meet in the sanctuary
at 9:00 a.m. Please come
help for an hour or two.
We should be finished
around noon.

ADULT EDUCATION—Please join Theo Leavell on Sun., Nov. 26th, as he speaks about his upcoming alternative spring break in Puerto Rico. This will take place, in the sanctuary, directly following fellowship.

First Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2017

9:30 a.m.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbrreros

FIRST THOUGHT

“The best time to plant a tree was 25 years ago.....The second best time to plant a tree is today.”

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is with us in moments of joy and celebration,

All: And when darkness threatens and times are hard.

One: God is with us when we are alone, ever present, ever loving,

All: And God is with us in the company of family and friends.

One: God is with us when our faith is strong and vibrant,

All: And when we face our doubts and uncertainty.

One: God is with us, every moment of life. Thanks be to God.

*OPENING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken” [469]

*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

Merciful God, hear our prayers this day. Gathered as Your people we confess that we are not perfect. We grow weary of life and tired of its demands, and we forget to turn to You for help. We allow circumstances to distract or overwhelm us, and forget to trust that You are our hope. We fear for the future, and forget to live generously and joyfully. God, forgive us. Let the peace of Jesus Christ be known in our hearts and let the love of Jesus Christ flow through us into Your world. ~ 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

[171 v. 1]

**The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES

CHANCEL CHOIR

“How Lovely Are the Messengers”
by Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:1-13 [N.T. p. 28]

SERMON

“While You Wait”
Rev. Gillian Weighton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASSING THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

(During this time the children and their teachers may leave for Sunday School.)

*SONG OF RESPONSE

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” [316]

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 David Perkins, Darrell Sutton, Kathi Wilson, Marlene Wilson, Don & Nancy Tobias, Ollie Hopkins, Larry & Ellen Cardwell, Beth Elzinga, Janet Hoffman, Maggie Seater, Annette Anderson, and Ed Lehmann. Additionally, please keep Adam Reiss—son of Ellen Cardwell, Stephen Goodall—grandson of Ollie & Sandy Hopkins, Hannah Yale & Kevin Liszewski—daughter & son-in-law of Debbie Yale, Richard Seversen—Todd’s father, 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 in your prayers.

Prayers for our military—Scott Pence, Lt. Col Jay Brooke, Nicholas Hansen, Jordan Smith, Chad Lawrence, Kyle Sondergaard.

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

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

DODIE KERKMAN - Sexton

SHELLEY MAURER - Church Secretary

MARK PAFFRATH - Music Leader

PEGGY TAYLOR - Parish Nurse



Welcome

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
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Fellowship to follow
in Ihrman Hall.

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

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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!

notes from shelley

- ◇ *The office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday.*
- ◇ *Due to these revised hours, the deadline for notices for the bulletin is noon on Monday the 20th.*
- ◇ *Thank you to Pam Simpson, for volunteering to take care of the sanctuary this week! If anyone else is willing to help out over the next few weeks, please let me know!*
- ◇ *Please let me know if there’s anything else I can do to help out. That’s what I’m here for—to serve you!*

November 19, 2017

GREETERS: *Marge Henze, Elie Hunt*

USHERS: *Denise Park, Jim Eastman, Bob & Kerry Frank*

PERK-N-POUR: *Mary Lou Schuler, John & Linnea Brooke*

LITURGIST: *Bruce Armstrong*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Sun., Nov. 19	9:30 a.m. Worship—Reverse Offering 10:15—11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Mon., Nov. 20	
Tue., Nov. 21	11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Community Meal Prep (<i>Kitchen at First Presbyterian</i>) Community Meal (<i>1032 Grand Ave., old St. Rose School cafeteria</i>) Session Meeting
Wed., Nov. 22	<i>No Bible Study</i> <i>Food Pantry Closed</i>
Thu., Nov. 23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! <i>Office and Food Pantry Closed</i>
Fri., Nov. 24	<i>Office Closed</i>
Sat., Nov. 25	9:00 a.m. Decorating the Church

Please join us next Sunday, November 26th for worship at 9:30 a.m.
Scripture reading from Matthew 25:14-12.

First Presbyterian is putting on our last **COMMUNITY MEAL** of the year is this Tuesday the 21st. We will need donations of casseroles, milk, bread, fruit, and salad.

If you can help with prep, I start at 2:00 p.m. in our church kitchen; at 4:30 p.m., we go to the meal site at 1032 Grand Ave (old St. Rose School cafeteria), eat at 5:00 p.m. and serve dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Please sign up today to help. The poster is in Ihrman Hall.
Thank you!



Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

When you volunteer at First Presbyterian's Food Pantry, it means many things. It means that the food pantry is stocked and clean. It means that food truck deliveries are handled properly. It means that families needed food last night and you made sure that they got it. It means those families were treated with dignity and respect. It means that we are indebted to all of you—the many volunteers, people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. It means we are thankful for the volunteers who take time out of their lives to give back
— **WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!**

**THE FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK,
TO ALLOW OUR VOLUNTEERS TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES.
HOWEVER, IT WILL BE OPEN ON THE 29TH AND 30TH.**

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

*We will be collecting items for the
Christmas baskets through Wed., Dec. 6th.*

Please join us on SUN., DEC. 17th, after worship, as we bring joy to others by delivering the **CHRISTMAS BASKETS!**
The deadline to sign up for assisting with delivery is Sun. Dec. 3rd.
You can find the sign-up sheet in Ihrman Hall.

