

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN

[425 v. 1, 4]

Lord of light, Your name outshining
All the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in Your kingdom
As the servants of your grace.
Use us to fulfill Your purpose
In the gift of Christ your Son.
Lord of light, as in highest heaven,
So on earth Thy will be done.
By the prayers of faithful watchers,
Never silent day or night,
By the cross of Jesus, bringing
Peace to all, and healing light,
By the love that passes knowledge,
Making all Your children one,
Lord of light, as in highest heaven,
So on earth Thy will be done.

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

[553 v. 3]

For the harvests of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.
In the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us.
Most of all that love has found us.,
Thanks be to God .

POSTLUDE

Alejandro Alumbrreros

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

On Sunday, December 10th—please join us for the Children's Christmas Program!



*Firs
Presbyterian
Church*

November 26, 2017

9:30 a.m.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbrreros

FIRST THOUGHT

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual."

Henry David Thoreau

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to God for God is good,

All: God's love is everlasting.

One: Come, let us praise God with joyful hearts,

All: And with songs of thanksgiving.

One: Gathered in the peace of this place,

All: May God hear our prayers and praise.

One: Come, children of God, let us worship together .

*OPENING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth" [473]

*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

Patrick Harris

Generous God, You have filled our lives with blessing upon blessing.

Hear our prayers as we give thanks for all Your loving kindness. You

have been our companion on the journey; forgive us when we ignore

You. Our lives are rich in blessings, but we have taken too much for

granted. Forgive our ingratitude and our unwillingness to give back to

You through the loving service of our lives. May we know the peace of

Your forgiveness. Grant us a new beginning and a will to love and serve

You, following the example of Jesus, 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

[298 v. 1]

There's a wideness in God's mercy,

Like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice,

Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows

Are more felt than up in heaven

There is no place where earth's failings

Have such kindly judgment given.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES

HANDBELL CHOIR & ORGAN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
arr/Kevin McChesney

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30 [N.T. p. 28]

SERMON

"Currency of the Kingdom"
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

"Let All Things Now Living" [554]

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

Prayers for our church family—including Chuck Knoedler, David Perkins, Darrell Sutton, Kathi Wilson, Marlene Wilson, Maggie Seater, Don & Nancy Tobias, Ollie Hopkins, Larry & Ellen Cardwell, Janet Hoffman, Beth Elzinga, and Annette Anderson. 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.

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^{AM} Worship
10:15^{AM} 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!

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



You're invited!



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

—IHRMAN HALL FROM 6:00^{PM} TO 8:00^{PM}

Kathi Wilson will lead us in singing Christmas songs,
accompanied by Nancy DeKraay on the piano.
We will also share light snacks, punch, cookies
and Christmas cheer. So bake some Christmas
cookies and candies and join the cookie walk.
All donations will support our Sack Lunch Mission.

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GREETERS: *Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey*
USHERS: *Steve Simpson, Bruce Armstrong,*
Steve & Mary Bernstein, Zach Vollman

PERK-N-POUR: *Dave & Nicole Higgs, Royce & Barb Earnest*

LITURGIST: *Patrick Harris*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Sun., Nov. 26	9:30 ^{AM}	Worship
	10:15 ^{AM} to 11:00 ^{AM}	Sunday School
Mon., Nov. 27		<i>Office Closed</i>
Tue., Nov. 28	11:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting
Wed., Nov. 29	12:00 ^{PM} to 1:00 ^{PM}	Bible Study
	5:00 ^{PM} to 7:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
	7:00 ^{PM}	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Thu., Nov. 30	2:00 ^{PM} to 4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
	7:00 ^{PM}	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Dec. 1	1:30 ^{PM}	Delivery to the Food Pantry
	6:00 ^{PM} to 8:00 ^{PM}	Christmas Open House and Cookie Walk

Please join us December 3rd for the first Sunday of Advent.
Worship and Communion at 9:30^{AM}
Scripture reading from Isaiah 2:1-5

TODAY!

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., NOV. 29TH — *John & Linnea Brooke,*
Megan Humphreys, Linda Schubert
THURS., NOV. 30TH — *Nancy Hennessey, Ginny Holle,*
Mary Jane Johnston, Mary Ringwalt

(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.

#GRATEFULMONDAY

Presbyterian Women have designated tomorrow (the 27th) as Grateful Monday—in the spirit of holy gratitude.

During the day, please take a moment to say a prayer of thanks to God for something for which you are truly grateful.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

And on Tuesday the 28th, join the movement and give - whether it's some of your time, a donation, gift or the power of your voice in your local community. It's a simple idea. Whether you come together with your family, your community, your company or your organization, find a way to give back.



The order forms for the **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** can be found in today's bulletin. The deadline for ordering is Dec. 10th. They will be on display Dec. 17th through our Christmas Eve Service, at 6:30^{PM} on the 24th. At that time, you are welcome to take your poinsettia plant home with you.

*Please consider purchasing one (or more)
in honor / memory of a loved one.*