

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

[322]

*Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.*

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

February 25, 2018

9:30 a.m.

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

Share God's



(Let us continue to pray in silence.)

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbremos

FIRST THOUGHT

“What each one honors before all else, what before all things one admires and loves, this for them is God.”

Origen of Alexandria

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this Sabbath, we gather to worship God

All: **To offer our praise and prayer to God**

One: On this Sabbath, we come to remember this day is a gift of God, given to refresh and renew us

All: **So we rejoice in a time of rest and renewal**

One: On this Sabbath, we come to remember that God alone is God, worthy of our worship

All: **So to God we return and find in God all that we need.**

One: On this Sabbath, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN

“Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show” [481]

*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

John Brooke

With hearts full of sorrow, we come to confess to You, God, what You already know. We have failed to live by Your commandments and followed our own desires. We have twisted Your words to suit ourselves and ignored Your command to love as You have loved us. We have worshipped the wrong things and paid little attention to You. God, forgive us, we pray. Restore us to new life and offer us a new beginning, through Jesus Christ. ~ Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*ACT OF PRAISE

[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.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Alas, And Did My Saviour Bleed “
By Douglas E. Wagner

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-17 [O.T. p. 66]

SERMON

“The DNA of Life”
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

“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 for our church family—including Maggie Seater, Marge Henze, Mary Jane Johnston, Peggy Taylor, Darrell Sutton, David Perkins, Ollie Hopkins, Beth Elzinga, Annette Anderson, Larry and Ellen Cardwell, Don and Nancy Tobias. Please keep Ann DePelecyn and her family, Adam Reiss—son of Ellen Cardwell, Stephen Goodall—grandson of Ollie and Sandy Hopkins, 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—Lt. Col Jay Brooke, Nicholas Hansen, Jordan Smith, Chad Lawrence, Kyle Sondergaard.

Prayers for our friends— Healing prayers for Ben Johnston-Krase and Ethan, Lt. Col. Matt Brooke—Army, Retired, and anyone 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.



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.*



WED., FEB. 28TH
John & Linnea Brooke
Megan Humphreys
Linda Schubert

THURS., MAR. 1ST
Helen Kim
Sue Sheehan
Vi Shufelt

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



Our food pantry is currently in need of peanut butter, canned pasta meals, hearty soups and bars of soap, so keep an eye open for sales.

THANK YOU!

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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!

February 25, 2018

GREETERS: *Linda Schubert*

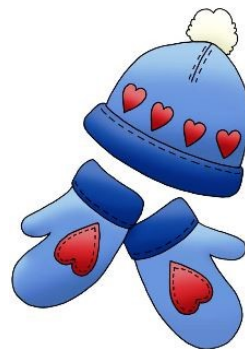
USHERS: *Larry Dickerson, Sharon Campbell, LuAnn Hansen, Jeff Leavell, Jen Severson*

PERK-N-POUR: *Sharon Campbell, Dave & Ginny Holle*

LITURGIST: *John Brooke*

Sun., Feb. 25	9:30 ^{AM}	Worship
	10:15 ^{AM}	Sunday School
	10:45 ^{AM}	Adult Education (<i>Parlor</i>)
Mon., Feb. 26		
Tue., Feb. 27	11:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting
	11:00 ^{AM}	Food Pantry Delivery
Wed., Feb. 28	12:00 ^{PM}	Bible Study
	5:30 ^{PM} to 7:00 ^{PM}	Supper & Substance (<i>Ihrman Hall</i>)
	7:00 ^{PM}	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Thu., Mar. 1	2:00 ^{PM} to 4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
	7:00 ^{PM}	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Mar. 2	1:30 ^{PM}	Food Pantry Delivery

Please join us March 4th at 9:30^{AM} for Worship
Scripture reading—John 3:14-21



WARM WINTER WEAR DRIVE

We will be collecting new socks, new and/or gently used mittens, hats and scarves for the children who attend Julian Thomas Elementary—930 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. We will have a box in Ihrman Hall for your donations.

Please help us keep the children warm, so they can enjoy recess!



The **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** will meet on Wed., Mar. 14th at 10:00^{AM} in Ihrman Hall.



DAYTIME CIRCLE will do the Soup Dump potluck on Thurs., Mar. 15th at noon at church. We are asking that each participant furnish a can of soup. Contact Leah Fisher if you plan to come and she will have further details on what soups to bring. If you want to bring another goodie to add to the potluck, that would be appreciated!

ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Join Pastor Gillian as she continues to lead an 8-week series based on the book, "Camino Divina." The book focuses on likely and unlikely saints that can inform and inspire our faith journey.

TODAY – RAINER MARIA RILKE
MARCH 11 – T.S. ELIOT
MARCH 25 – JOHN O'DONOHUE
APRIL 8 – FLANNERY O'CONNOR
APRIL 22 – CHIEF SEATTLE
MAY 13 – ANNIE DILLARD
MAY 27 – WENDELL BERRY



"ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM"

Join us this Wednesday the 28th for "Supper and Substance" from 5:30 to 7:00^{PM}. At 5:30^{PM}, we will share a simple potluck meal and 6:00 to 7:00^{PM} will be dedicated to study, conversation and reflection.

Pastor Gillian leads this weekly program.