

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.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

As directed by the ushers, please come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Servers are available to bring Communion to those who wish to remain in their seats. Gluten-free crackers are available in each basket.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Faithful and loving God, with gratitude in our hearts we pray to You. This table of bread and wine has reminded us, lest we forget, that You love us with a love that will never let us go. Uplifted by this meal, send us into Your world with joy and in the strength of Your Spirit. ~ Amen

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” [281]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

[384 v.1]

*O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

POSTLUDE

Alejandro Alumbros

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

*Happy
Birthday*

Please join us for fellowship today, with refreshments provided by Maggie Seater's family—in honor of her 97th birthday!

The altar flowers are provided by Bill Anderson's family—in honor of his 85th birthday!

Happy Birthday, Maggie and Bill!

Firs 
Presbyterian
Church

February 4, 2018

9:30 a.m.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbros

(As we listen to the beautiful music may we silently prepare ourselves for worship)

FIRST THOUGHT

“The thing to do, it seems to me, is to prepare yourself so you can be the rainbow in somebody else’s cloud. Somebody who may not look like you. May not call God the same name you call God – if they call God at all. I may not dance your dances or speak your language. But be a blessing to somebody.”

Maya Angelou

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here we gather to worship God.

All: **God, whose love is without end.**

One: Here we gather to sing God’s praises.

All: **God, whose grace is poured into our lives.**

One: Here we gather to pray to God.

All: **God, who longs to hear us and meet with us.**

One: Here we gather with joyful hearts to worship God.

OPENING HYMN

“O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand” [269]

*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

Rev. Steven Fringer

God of all ages, You have been faithful to us and brought us to this moment. You have promised to walk with us through all of life and to show us the way to take. Forgive us when we stray from the path and when we are less than faithful to You. We confess that life can be messy and when it is, we blame You or we doubt Your existence.

God, forgive us and remind us that Your promise to never leave us alone is trustworthy and true. In the name of Jesus, hear our confession and grant us the peace of forgiveness . ~ 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

[272 v. 3]

***God of the rainbow, God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES

CHANCEL CHOIR

**“A Song to the Lord”
by Eugene Butler**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 6:11-22 [O.T. p. 5]

SERMON

**“Life Is Messy”
Rev. Gillian Weighton**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

The Table at First Presbyterian Church is open to all. Friends from other traditions are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper because Christ is our host. Children who are being nurtured in the faith are also welcome. We invite all to share in this meal in order to be renewed and assured of God’s love and grace.

ADULT EDUCATION

"Let's Take a Walk with Mary Oliver," today at 10:45 a.m., in the parlor. Join Pastor Gillian as she leads the first of 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 I am altogether without ambition. Where did I get such wisdom?

— Mary Oliver —

SCHEDULE:

February 4 - Mary Oliver
February 25 - 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



The **FIRST PRES BOOK CLUB** will be reading "Hope Heals" by Katherine Wolf. It is an inspirational story of a 27-year-old wife and mother who suffers a massive stroke and her struggle to come back from it.

On Friday, February 16th we will meet at Vi Shufelt's home at Lake Oaks, 1916 Wisconsin Ave, #308.

All are welcome!

The second Organizational Meeting of the **CUBA PARTNERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE** is today after worship in the chapel.

All are welcome to join us as we organize the next visit by our Cuban Partnership Church.



The Mission Committee will be once again be sponsoring the **CHILI COOK- OFF—NEXT SUNDAY**, immediately following worship (downstairs in the Dining Room). Please sign up in Ihrman Hall to bring your favorite chili and desserts. Cake will be served in honor of Gillian receiving her green card/permanent residency!

The cost will be \$5.00 per person, \$15.00 for a family and/or \$5.00 per take-home container. The monies raised will be used for the Cuba Air Conditioning Fund.

We look forward to seeing many of you there to enjoy the chili and the fellowship.



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 and Communion
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!

February 4, 2018

GREETERS: *Bev. Eifert, Mary Eastman*

USHERS: *John & Linnea Brooke, Bud Eastman, Bob & Nancy Moore*

PERK-N-POUR: *Bev Eifert, Elaine Jacobson*

LITURGIST: *Rev. Steve Fringer*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Sun., Feb. 4	9:30 ^{AM}	Worship and Communion
	10:15 ^{AM}	Sunday School
	10:45 ^{AM}	Adult Education (Parlor)
	10:45 ^{AM}	Cuba Partnership Sub-Committee Meeting (Chapel)
Mon., Feb. 5		
Tue., Feb. 6	11:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting
Wed., Feb. 7	12:00 ^{PM}	Bible Study
	5:00 ^{PM} to 7:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
	7:00 ^{PM}	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Thu., Feb. 8	2:00 ^{PM} to 4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
Fri., Feb. 9		
Sat., Feb. 10	12:00 ^{PM} to 12:30 ^{PM}	Sack Lunch (1st United Methodist Church)

Please join us February 11th at 9:30^{AM} for Worship
Scripture reading—Genesis 8:20-22

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



Prayers for our church family—including Mary Jane Johnston, Peggy Taylor, Darrell Sutton, Larry and Ellen Cardwell, Marlene Wilson, Don and Nancy Tobias, David Perkins, Maggie Seater, Ollie Hopkins, Beth Elzinga, and Annette Anderson. Please keep Adam Reiss—son of Ellen Cardwell, Joe Ghilani - son in law of Leah Fisher, Stephen Goodall—grandson of Ollie and Sandy Hopkins, Hannah Yale and Kevin Liszewski—daughter & son-in-law of Debbie Yale, 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.

Wed., Feb. 7th
Maria Hansen
Ken Schacht
Elizabeth Tews
Pam Wortley

FOOD
pantry

Thurs., Feb. 8th
Mary Jane Johnston
Debbie Yale
Pam Simpson
Steve Simpson

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



We can always use complete meals (i.e., beef stew, deluxe mac & cheese, canned pastas), personal hygiene products, laundry products, baby wipes, diapers, shampoo, lotion, etc.

Thank you!

