

*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.

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN

"God of Our Life" [275]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

"Christ Be Our Light"

***Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.***

Refrain

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered 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.



*First
Presbyterian
Church*

January 14, 2018

9:30 a.m.



The 2017 Annual Reports are now available. They are located at the north or southwest entrance to the sanctuary.

The 179th Annual Meeting of the Congregational is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th, directly following worship service.

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbremos

FIRST THOUGHT

A central message of Christian life is this: ask Jesus for but a thimbleful of help and you get an oceanful in return. *William Sloane Coffin*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Loving and gracious God, we gather here in this hour to praise you for your mercy and goodness,

All: And to know your loving presence more fully in all the Nooks and crannies of our lives.

One: We come to give thanks for the gift of life and the love that enfolds us.

All: Begin in us this day a new way of being your community of faith

One: And to see more clearly the paths you invite us to walk with you.

All: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN

“You Are Before Me, Lord” [248]

*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

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O God, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways. In 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

“What Wondrous Love”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Spirituals
Pat Badger

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot ***All Night, All Day***

Swing low, sweet chariot, ***All night, all day,***
Comin’ for to carry me home! ***Angels watching over me, My Lord.***

Swing low, sweet chariot, ***All night, all day,***
Comin’ for to carry me home! ***Angels watching over me.***

When the Saints

Oh when the saints go marching in,
When the saints go march in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go march in.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-18 [O.T. p. 577]

SERMON

Rev. Steven Fringer

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

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” [Insert]

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where 'de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."



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 will be serving the **COMMUNITY MEAL** this Tuesday 16th. 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 Avenue (old St. Rose School cafeteria), eat at 5:00 p.m. and serve dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Interested? The sign up poster is in Ihrman Hall. Questions? Call Debbie Yale at 639-5004 (home) or 498-8753 (cell). Thank you!!

January 14, 2018

GREETERS: *Linda Schubert, Mary Lou Schuler*

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

PERK-N-POUR: *Peggy Wagner, Elie Hunt*

LITURGIST: *John Brooke*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2018

Sun., Jan. 14	9:00 ^{AM}	Blood Pressure Screening
	9:30 ^{AM}	Worship
	10:15 ^{AM}	Sunday School
Mon., Jan. 15		<i>Office will be open</i>
Tue., Jan. 16	2:00 ^{PM}	Prep—Community Meal
	4:30 ^{PM}	Transport and Service— Community Meal
Wed., Jan. 17		<i>No Bible Study</i>
	5:00 ^{PM} to 7:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
	7:00 ^{PM}	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Thu., Jan. 18	2:00 ^{PM} to 4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Fri., Jan. 19		

Please join us January 21st at 9:30^{AM} for Worship and
Scripture reading—Mark 1:14-20

NOTICE: PASTOR GILLIAN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL SAT., JAN. 20,
AS SHE IS DOING HER CONTINUING EDUCATION OUT OF STATE.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR STEVE.



*Special thanks to John & Patt Reitsma for once again
keeping the pews neat and orderly!*



Prayers for our church family—including Larry and Ellen Cardwell, Marlene Wilson, Don and Nancy Tobias, David Perkins, Darrell Sutton, Maggie Seater, Ollie Hopkins, Beth Elzinga, and Annette Anderson. Please keep Adam Reiss—son of Ellen Cardwell, 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—Scott Pence, Lt. Col Jay Brooke, Nicholas Hansen, Jordan Smith, Chad Lawrence, Kyle Sondergaard.

Prayers for our friends— Lt. Col. Matt Brooke—Army, Retired, Ben and Ethan. 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.



Along with hearty soups, stews and canned pasta dishes, we could also use mac & cheese, pork 'n' beans and tuna. Thank you!

Mmmmm, stew!



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., JAN. 17TH — *Kate Gleason, Maria Hansen, Megan Humphreys,
Mac MacCaughey, Julia Reeser*
THURS., JAN. 18TH — *Myrna Kryger, Betsy Watson, Steve & Pam Simpson*