

*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 Grace and God of Glory" [420]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

[285 v. 3]

*God, Your word is still creating,
Calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in Your image
We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.*

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 21, 2018

9:30 a.m.

The 2017 Annual Reports are now available. They are available for pick-up on the table outside of the church office.

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

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbremos

FIRST THOUGHT

“Cheap grace is the mortal enemy of the church.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Startle us, O God, with the good news of the gospel.

All: Let us hear and believe, we are the beloved.

One: Challenge us, O Jesus, with your call to follow.

All: Let us follow with willingness and with joy.

One: Comfort us, O Spirit, with the promise of your companionship for the journey .

All: Let us be assured that we are never alone.

One: To God, who is our guide and our comfort, let us bring our worship today.

*OPENING HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” [422]

*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

Lissy Blandford

God, You call us to follow and we turn the other way. You invite us into a relationship with You, and we offer excuses. You show us the way to take, but we think we know better. You call us to be faithful, but we let You down and fail to trust You. For all the excuses we have offered, for the times when we have declared ourselves too busy to answer Your call on our lives, forgive us.

So, give us grace to answer Your call to follow, trusting in You and remembering that what is want is ourselves, nothing more and nothing less. In Jesus 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

[419 v. 1]

***How clear is our vocation, Lord,
When once we heed Your call;
To live according to Your Word,
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all,
And will not let us fall.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES

HANDBELL CHOIR

“I’m So Glad”
*Traditional Spiritual
arr/Susan T. Nelson*

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20 [N.T. p. 35]

SERMON

“Follow—Better Than You Think!”
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

“Will You Come and Follow Me” [Insert]

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Will You Come and Follow Me

1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.

Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot - steps show.

will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?
 Will you let Me an - swer prayer in you and you in Me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

WORDS: John L. Bell and Graham A. Maule, 1987
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

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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
 10:45^{AM}—Adult Education

*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!



After a long process, we finally have our "new" website up and running.
 Please check it out at: firstpresracine.org. If you see any errors or want to
 suggest things of interest, please let Shelley know.

One of the great things about the new website is that it allows us to link
 it to our YouTube account, so that everyone is are able to watch some of
 our previous worship services. From the website, click on media, then
 videos to search for one (or more) to watch!

Thank you to all who've made this possible—especially Pam Simpson!!

January 21, 2018

GREETERS: *Nancy Ritter*

USHERS: *Ben Neal, Tony Aiello, Bill Anderson, David Griffith, Jerry Ritter*

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

LITURGIST: *Lissy Blandford*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2018

Sun., Jan. 21	9:30 ^{AM} Worship
	10:15 ^{AM} Sunday School
	10:45 ^{AM} Adult Education— <i>Food Pantry Update</i>
Mon., Jan. 22	
Tue., Jan. 23	11:00 ^{AM} Staff Meeting
	12:00 ^{PM} Newsletter Prep Party
	7:00 ^{PM} Session Meeting
Wed., Jan. 24	12:00 ^{PM} Bible Study
	5:00 ^{PM} to 7:00 ^{PM} Food Pantry
	7:00 ^{PM} Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 ^{PM} to 3:00 ^{AM} Point in Time
Thu., Jan. 25	2:00 ^{PM} to 4:00 ^{PM} Food Pantry
	7:00 ^{PM} Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Jan. 26	

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

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



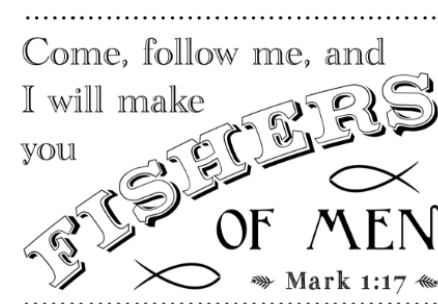
Prayers for our church family—including Mary Jane Johnston, Peggy Taylor, Darrell Sutton, Larry and Ellen Cardwell, Marlene Wilson, Don and Nancy Tobias, David Perkins, Maggie Seater, Ollie Hopkins, Beth Elzinga, and Annette Anderson. Please keep Adam Reiss—son of Ellen Cardwell, Stephen Goodall—grandson 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.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., JAN. 24TH—*John & Linnea Brooke, Megan Humphreys, Linda Schubert*
 THURS., JAN. 25TH —*Ginny Holle, Mary Jane Johnston, Mary Ringwalt*

Along with easy “complete” meals, hearty soups, stews and canned pasta dishes, we could also use mac & cheese, pork ‘n’ beans and tuna. Thank you!

