

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
February 4, 2018**

**Rev. David Smith
Minister**



Our Vision

**By the grace of Jesus Christ,
We will strive to share the
Good News with the world,
To nurture our faith, and to
Go into the world sharing
Christ's love and mercy.**

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018

10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*

PRELUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

F. Peeters

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ben Lawson

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

They shall run and not be weary;

They shall walk and not faint.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of your love for all people. Help us to become all things to all people that we might reach many with your good news. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 488 (Blue Hymnal)

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Marla Hoerst

PRAISE SONG "The Gift He Offers to You" C. Berry
PresbyPraise

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:21-31 OT Pg. 668
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Write Your Blessed Name, O Lord" T a Kempis/D. Grotenhuis
Chancel Choir

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,
that no adversity shall ever move me from your love.
Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,
and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven,
to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life.
O Jesu, my only Savior!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:29-39 NT Pg. 35
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ!

THE WORD PROCLAIMED "Unlimited Energy" Rev. David Smith

*HYMN NO. 255 (Blue Hymnal) "Now Praise the Lord" ST. ANNE

Give Thanks To God

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS *Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.*

OFFERTORY "Jesus Calls Us" E. L. Diemer

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise, Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“Great Thanksgiving,” Page 124, *Lift Up Your Hearts* (White Hymnal)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Communion will be distributed by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle.

The servers nearest the pulpit have gluten free bread.

Please take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Please return to your seat via the side aisles.

Servers with regular bread are also located at the rear of the sanctuary and in the balcony.

During distribution Glorify! will lead “Revelation Song”. You are invited to sing with them.

The words can be found on the announcement insert in the bulletin.

THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord, using the words he taught, “Our Father . . .

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*We use ‘debts’ and ‘debtors.’*)

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 434 (Blue Hymnal) “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

“Alleluia!”

Al-le-lu-ia! For the Lord our God, the Al-might-y, has come in-to his king-dom! Let us re-joice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

POSTLUDE

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

S. Bingham

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

WE EXTEND A WARM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOME to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. Please sign the Fellowship Register in your pew and include information that will enable us to be in touch.

WE HAVE ALTERED OUR TRADITION OF THE PASSING OF THE PEACE FOR A FEW WEEKS. Due to the severity of the flu season this year, we will proceed directly to the sung response after the liturgy.

WE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING TODAY IN WORSHIP. As part of our Souper Bowl of Caring, the youth will be stationed at the doors at the conclusion of the service with soup pots to receive donations. Your generous gifts will support the Marietta Food Pantry.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Sally Norton in joyful gratitude for family and friends.

SPECIAL THANKS TO PRESBYPRAISE, CHANCEL CHOIR AND GLORIFY! FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

TODAY WE OBSERVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER. All followers of Christ are welcome at the table. Here are the words to “Revelation Song” that Glorify! will be sharing. We invite you to join them.

“Revelation Song”

(Verse 1)

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

(repeat verse 1)

(Chorus)

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

(Verse 2)

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and
living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

(repeat chorus 2 times)

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Jennie Lee Riddle

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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Ben Lawson

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

ACOLYTE: Becker Van Dyk

USHERS: Nancy McCartney, Ted, Julie, Carrington and Becker Van Dyk

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Marla Hoerst

SIP N CHAT: Souper Bowl of Caring/The Youth

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR SOUP N CHAT. We also invite you to take part in the life of this congregation by participating in any activity that can help you on your spiritual journey. Regular Sunday activities are:

9:00 – Sunday School

10:15—Worship Service

11:30—Sip N Chat in Fellowship Hall

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS TODAY! The youth will be serving bowls of soup in fellowship hall immediately after church. Donations will go directly to the Marietta Food Pantry.

THE SIP N CHAT CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2018 HAS BEEN POSTED. PLEASE SIGN UP! We have plenty of open dates. Simple snacks are fine.

THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED. You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. Dates that are still available in the next few months are: April 1, May 6, 13, 20, and 27.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ON THE PRAYER LIST are drawn from the church database. If you want yours listed, please provide that information to Karen. For privacy reasons the church will not accept birthdays and anniversaries from third parties.

ALL MUSIC ENSEMBLES ARE BACK TO REGULAR REHEARSAL SCHEDULES! THEY ARE:

PresbyPraise: Sundays 9-9:15

Westminster Bells: Wednesdays 5-6

Joyful Hearts: Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:15

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:15

Glorify! (Vocal) Sundays after Church

Glorify! (Combo) practices on Tuesdays from 5-6

We'd love to have you be a part of these wonderful ensembles! Any questions, please see Peter at Sip N Chat.

THE 2018 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT is \$29.34 per communicant member. This covers our share of administrative costs and mission for Muskingum Valley Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly. Members are invited to make a contribution for this to help insure the success of the budget. The church's assessment is more than \$7000 annually. An envelope for the Per Capita is available in your offering envelope box, or simply make a check payable to the church with "Per Capita" on the memo line.

LIVE GENEROUSLY – TREAT YOURSELF WITH GENEROSITY! Just as we are commanded to love others, scripture reminds us we need to love and care for ourselves. The New Year often brings plans to improve. As you make resolutions, be generous with yourself by:

- Setting attainable and realistic goals. For example, start with 10 minutes a day of time in devotions or 20 minutes of exercise. Achieve those attainable goals first before moving to the large changes.
- Include fun, joy, and laughter in your life. The cold and the dark can leave many of us struggling with depression. Seek out others for fellowship. You will help them and yourself.
- Start the year by listing your gifts and strengths. Thank God for them and work on improving a skill where you have excellence or bless someone else with a gift you have. Doing things we are good at can be exhilarating.
- Spend time with those folks who love you the way God made you. They help inoculate us against the negative messages that fill our world.

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14. There will be a congregational potluck at 6 pm in fellowship hall. An Ash Wednesday service will take place at 7 pm in the sanctuary, and will include imposition of ashes and communion.

MEMORIAL GARDEN WINS STATE WIDE ACCOLADES! Al Laing of Greenleaf submitted the Memorial Garden project to the annual contest run by the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association. The project won Grand Prize in its category and Project of the Year! Thank you to all who contributed to make this garden possible. And thank you to the members of the church's planning group that worked closely with Al and his team.

Prayer List Updates

Please (circle one) Add/Remove (name) _____ to/from **Monthly list.**

Please (circle one) Add/Remove (name) _____ to/from **Continuing list.**

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
February 4 – February 11**

Sunday

- 9:00 – Adult SunSch
- 9:00 – PresbyPraise
- 9:15 – Youth/Child. SS
- 10:15 – Worship
- 11:30 – Souper Bowl
- 11:45 – Glorify!
- 5:00 – Youth Group

Monday

- 6:00 – Building &
Administration
- 7:00 – Deacons

Tuesday

- 10:00 – Christian Education
- 12:00 - Endowments
- 5:00 – Glorify! Combo

Wednesday

- 10:00 – Evangelism &
Discipleship
- 3:20 – Scholars
- 5:00 – Westminster Bells
- 6:30 – Joyful Hearts
- 7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday -Feb. 1

- 5:30 - Girl Scouts
- 5:30 – Stampin’ Up
- 7:00 - AA

Friday –

Saturday

- 8:00 – Men’s Fellowship
- 9:00 – AA
- 10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship

Next Sunday –

- Scripture – Psalm 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9
- Sermon – “The Perfection
of Beauty”