

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
February 17, 2019**

**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
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 17, 2019

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

“Dundee”

H. Willan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gail Reynolds

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water sending out its roots by the stream.

We are baptized and freed, grounded in love.

Let us worship God!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, in Christ you resurrect all things. Raise us from death to life, that our transformation may bear witness to the power of your grace in our lives through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.



*HYMN 281 (Blue Hymnal) “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

Our faith is not in vain!

***Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.
Thanks be to God.***



*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



FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-10
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT 719



ANTHEM

“Bring Us to the Spring”
Chancel Choir

L. Marcus/R. Schram

The cold winds blow; it snows on snow;
it seems the gray, winter weather will go on forever; we long for the warmth of the sun.
Then the days grow long, the light grows strong;
the sleeping seeds of the rose hidden under the snows start to grow.
Oh Lord, our God, merciful King, to you on high our praises we sing;
you make our spirits soar, and our faith is restored as you bring us to the Spring.
The dark and cold release their hold; the budding trees, blooming flowers,
bear witness to your power; all nature is singing your praise.
As we sing along; our hope grows strong.
We lift our voices with those of the beautiful roses to say:
Oh Lord, our God, merciful King, to you on high our praises we sing;
you make our spirits soar, and our faith is restored as you bring us to the Spring.



SECOND SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:20-28
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT 176

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas



THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Trust in God and Justice”

The Rev. David Smith

*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.***

Give Thanks To God



HYMN 282 (Blue Hymnal) “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Traditional, page 16 of the hymnal. We use “debts” and “debtors.”*)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Judy Peoples

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS (*Visitors, we invite you to share your contact info on a Welcome Card.*)





OFFERTORY

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give you thanks and praise. Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Go In God's Name



*HYMN 332 (Blue Hymnal)

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

“Trumpet in Dialogue”

L. N. Clerambault

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

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN! If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. We invite you to use one of the Welcome Cards you will find in the pew racks to share your information with us.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Virginia Graves.

DURING THE PEAK OF THE FLU SEASON WE HAVE ALTERED THE PASSING OF THE PEACE. Following the verbal passing of the peace, we will sing the response. Greet one another following the service but please be respectful of any who may wish to avoid close contact.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Gail Reynolds

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Brad Thomas

JUNIOR CHURCH: Brad Thomas

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak

SIP N CHAT: Ila Alden & Linda Rhoads

USHERS:

SPECIAL THANKS TO CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR SIP 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

THE CHRISTIAN GROWTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IS BEGINNING A JAMES MOORE BOOK. The class will be reading and discussing *The Best of James W. Moore - Thoughts in Faith and Grace from a Master Storyteller*. Please see Ann Stewart for a copy of the book. First time attendees are welcome!

MEMBERS, WE INVITE YOU TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF PER CAPITA. Per Capita is a per member apportionment the church makes to the denomination to support expenses at the local, regional and national level. This year’s per capita is \$30.56. Please consider a donation to help with this \$6700 line-item in the budget. Please mark your contribution “per capita”.

DID YOU MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO BLESS OTHERS? Consider blessing others with your musical gifts by joining one of the church music groups.

PresbyPraise (children): Sundays from 9 to 9:15 in the Chapel

Glorify! (youth): Right after the service in the Chapel

Westminster Bells (youth and adults): Wednesdays from 5 to 6 in the Bell room

Joyful Hearts (women's gospel chorus): Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7 in the Chapel

Chancel Choir (youth and adults): Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 in the Chapel

FEBRUARY 26TH IS THE NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL. The sign up is on the bulletin board if you can help us out. The menu is a Mexican chicken casserole, refried beans, fruit and dessert.

REDUCING EXPENSES & OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT! We are printing fewer bulletins and inviting those worshipping to share.

SMITTY'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER FOR PIONEER PRESCHOOL. Please help support Pioneer Preschool by purchasing lunch or dinner (or both!) on February 21 and 28 from 11am-11pm. By ordering subs and/or pizzas, \$.50 per item will be donated to Pioneer Preschool. If you are ordering before 4pm you must mention Pioneer Preschool for the donation to go to them. Pioneer Preschool is closing at the end of the year and these kinds of fundraisers are important to help them finalize all their financial responsibilities. **Thank you for your support.**

THE 2019 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. **The next available Sundays are March 10 and 17.**

THE SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL MONTHS OF 2019 IS POSTED. There are open dates in March. Simple snacks are fine.

WELCOME AND PRAYER REQUESTS CARDS, AND DONATION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE PEW RACKS.

PARENTS, WE HAVE BAGS WITH COLORING AND DRAWING SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN TO USE DURING WORSHIP. These are in the narthex (the entryway to the sanctuary) on one of the pews. Ushers can help you locate these. Included are a children's bulletin and a coloring page.

HAVE INPUT FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS? *Open Line to Session* cards can be found on the table at the top of the main stairwell. Cards must be signed when providing input.

INTERESTED IN LUNCH AND A SHOW ON MARCH 3? After worship on Sunday a group of adults will be going out to eat lunch and, for those interested, attend a performance of the "Little Mermaid" at the high school. *There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs.* The restaurant will be chosen based on number interested, and we will make reservations. After the meal, those interested will go see the 2:00 pm performance. Several youth connected to the church are in the production. Each person is responsible for cost of the meal and tickets. You may sign up for lunch, the play, or both. Show tickets are available in advance at the high school or you can get them that afternoon.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES:
NO YOUTH GROUP ON FEBRUARY 17
FEBRUARY 24TH (1-3PM) FOR 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
FEBRUARY 24TH (7-8:30PM) FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE**

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

March 23 - Winter Jam - 3PM - ?

We are headed to Winter Jam this year! The concert is being hosted in Charleston, WV and we will be traveling from the church on Saturday, March 23rd. We will meet at 2:30PM and leave by 3PM. There will be concessions and merchandise available at the venue and the cost for admission is \$15. After the show, we will make our way back to Marietta, and based on the needs of our concert-goers will stop for food on the way home. Please bring money for the tickets and anything else you may want to purchase. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Brad.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE AND OFFERINGS

Youth Group for 6th through 12th grade – Sundays 1 to 3pm

Fellowship, music, lessons and group games

High School & College Group – Normally biweekly, Sundays 7 to 8:30pm at FPC

Off weeks we will look at some off-campus locations

Signups for volunteers are located on the bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance

ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 17-24

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
9:00 – Presby Praise
9:15 – Children/ Youth
Sunday School
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
11:45- Glorify!

Monday

Tuesday

5:00 – Glorify! Combo
5:00 – Book Club
5:00 – GoPacks Board

Wednesday

3:20 – Scholars on Fourth
5:00 – Westminster Bells
6:30 – Joyful Hearts
7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
6:15 – GoPacks Fundraising
Meeting
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men's Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship
12:00 – SDA Fellowship

Next Sunday –

Scriptures
Psalm 37:1-11
Luke 6:27-38
Sermon – “Practicing Justice
with Love”