

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
February 24, 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
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 24, 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

"Proclamation"
Westminster Bells

by Kevin McChesney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Phillip Schmechl

Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace—to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*HYMN 263 (Blue Hymnal) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us. We show kindness only to those who are kind to us. We give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of God, through Jesus Christ we have received grace in good measure—
spilling out and running over.

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

Psalm 37:1-11
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT 510



ANTHEM

“Feel Like Flying Away”
Joyful Hearts

arr. M. Lister

Feel like flying away and leaving this world behind; Feel like breaking every tie that binds.
Might be leaving tomorrow; might be leaving today. Feel like flying, feel like flying away.

Had a little talk with Jesus; had a little talk with Lord today.
Everything between Him and me is all right. I know He's gonna walk beside me;
I know He's gonna hold me by the hand all the way from here to the morning light.

Thinking all about my journey; thinking how I came from where I was,
How I never could have made it on my own.
Jesus walked beside me; the pathway led by a rugged cross leaving right on up to my new home.



SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-38
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT 64

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas



THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Practicing Justice with Love”

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 367 (Blue Hymnal)

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI

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.”*)

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



OFFERTORY

“When You Do This Remember Me”

by Cathy Moglebust

With organ



*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 God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.

Go In God's Name



*HYMN (Black Binder) "They'll Know We Are Christian By Our Love"

***DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**



POSTLUDE

"We Shall Overcome"

Traditional

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**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 Charles and Carolyn Barnes in memory of loved ones.

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: Phillip Schmehl	CHILDREN'S SERMON: Brad Thomas
JUNIOR CHURCH: Brad Thomas	SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee
FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation	LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak
SIP N CHAT: Congregational Lunch	
USHERS: Gary O'Brien, Matt, Kate & Lindsay Evans, Sally Evans	

SPECIAL THANKS TO WESTMINSTER BELLS AND TO JOYFUL HEARTS FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF TESSIE ROSE KOULOURIS BLOOM. Tessie was Heather Warner's mother. She passed away on Sunday, February 17.

FAMILY GRAS! EVERYONE IS INVITED DOWNSTAIRS FOR A GREAT LUNCH HOSTED BY OUR SHEPHERDS. The menu is jambalaya with rice, cornbread, salads, and king cake. There are vegetarian and gluten free options and PBJ for any who prefer!

"WHEN YOU DO THIS REMEMBER ME" WAS PURCHASED THROUGH THE **LESTER E. AND VIRGINIA M. NOE ORGAN ENDOWMENT FUND** and will also be played at the Marietta Area Spring Ring on March 24.

THIS TUESDAY, 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.

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!

SMITTY'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER FOR PIONEER PRESCHOOL. Please help support Pioneer Preschool by purchasing lunch or dinner (or both!) on February 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.**

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.

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6. There will be a meal at 6 pm hosted by Worship and Music supported by Endowments. The Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7 pm.

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".

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. The next few open dates are **March 10, 17, 24 and 31.** Simple snacks are fine.

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

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

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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES:
March 3, 10, 17, 31 (1-3PM) FOR 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
March 10, 24 (7-8:30PM) FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

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 24 – MARCH 3

Sunday

- 9:00 – Adult SunSch
- 9:00 – Presby Praise
- 9:15 – Children/ Youth
Sunday School
- 10:15 – Worship
- 11:30 – Family Gras –
Congregational Lunch
- 11:45- Glorify!
- 12:30 – Jim W. Praise Band
- 1:00 – Youth Group
- 7:00 – High School &
College Group

Monday

- 5:00 – Red Hats Dinner

Tuesday

- 11:30 – Community Meal
- 4:00 – Glorify! Combo
- 7:00 – AA District 15

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 5:30 – Girl Scouts
- 6:00 – Stewardship/Finance
- 7:00 – AA

Friday, March 1

Saturday

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

Next Sunday –

Transfiguration Sunday

- Scriptures –
Exodus 24:12-18
Matthew 17:1-9
- Sermon – “Witnesses to
Justice”