

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
February 3, 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
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 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

“Lord God, Thy Praise We Sing”

H. Grabner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Roger Akeman

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

But God reassures us in many ways throughout our days.

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

God is with us and sustains us.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts. Increase in us the stuff that life is made of—faith, hope, and love, but especially love—that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ, our lord. Amen.



***HYMN 292 (Blue Hymnal)**

“All Beautiful the March of Days”

FOREST GREEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

***By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love,
and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.***



***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 71:1-6
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT 532



ANTHEM

“Communion”
Chancel Choir

D. Wagner

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be your feast to us the token, that by your grace our souls are fed.

Lord, in your service we live forever, that by our deeds, our love is known:
Through caring thought and kind endeavor, Your will is done, your glory shown. Amen.



SECOND SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT 175



THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Prayer and Justice”

The Rev. David Smith

Give Thanks To God



*HYMN 248 (Blue Hymnal)

“You Are Before Me, Lord”

SURSUM CORDA

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 (*Visitors, we invite you to share your contact info on a Welcome Card.*)

OFFERTORY

“Sursum Corda”

J. Ireland



*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. 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 station nearest the pulpit has gluten free bread.

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

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

As you come forward, we invite you to sing the chorus from Hymn 127 in the White Hymnal.

Peter Sour will be singing the verses. You may join him on those.

Eat this bread and never hunger; Drink this cup and never thirst.

Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.

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



Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all the company of your people in heaven and on earth. In your mercy we have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we, who have shared this holy meal, go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. We pray using the words Jesus taught, "Our Father . . .

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

Go In God's Name



*HYMN 512 (Blue Hymnal) "Living Word of God Eternal"

KOMM, O KOMM DU GEIST DES LEBENS

*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

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

L. Lenel

**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.

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. Come downstairs to fellowship hall, make a donation, and enjoy homemade soup prepared by a number of great cooks in our congregation. The Youth are also by the entrances with soup kettles to accept donations for those who can't stay for the meal. All proceeds benefit our local food pantries, so we will not collect a separate Cents-Ability offering today.

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY. ALL FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE. This sacrament in the Presbyterian church calls to mind Christ's sacrifice for us, offers thanksgiving to God for the gifts and goodness of creation, acknowledges the real presence of Christ as we gather at the table, and anticipates the fullness of God's kingdom.

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

WE ARE ORDAINING AND INSTALLING NEW OFFICERS TODAY. Being ordained and installed today as elders are Erling Berner and Brad Thomas. Also, being installed as an elder is Gail Reynolds. Being ordained and installed as a deacon are Stacy Elliott and Cristie Thomas. Also, being installed as a deacon are Linda Rhoads and Sharon Slater.

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

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Roger Akeman	CHILDREN'S SERMON: Brad Thomas
JUNIOR CHURCH: Wade Miller	SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee
FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation	LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak
SOUP N CHAT: Hosted by the youth	
USHERS: Mike, Stacy and Andrew Elliott, Sharon Slater	

COPIES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT ARE AVAILABLE NEAR THE ENTRANCES.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Today after worship, the youth will host the Souper Bowl of Caring in fellowship hall. This annual event brings the conversation of hunger and food inequity to the forefront of our minds. Our church participates by providing a soup lunch to the community and congregation. The youth are again asking for donations of soup to be served on this day. We will ask for a monetary donation at the meal to benefit our local food banks. All funds raised remain local.

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

JOIN US FOR A BOB ROSS PAINTING PARTY ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 FROM 6-9PM. Grab your hair pick, invite some friends and come make some happy little trees! Join us for an evening of Bob Ross trivia, food, and yes – painting! We'll see who can channel their best Bob Ross! All supplies will be provided. All ages and abilities welcome.

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!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO VOLUNTEER IN 2019? You can start by volunteering to help with the community meal for one hour, two hours or even longer if you wish. The next meal is Tuesday, January 22nd. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs. If you forget to sign up, you are always welcome to stop by and see what needs done or to sit down and enjoy the lunch. The menu is pulled pork sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, fruit and dessert.

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".

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

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 February 10, 17 and 24.**

THE SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL MONTHS OF 2019 IS POSTED. There are open dates in February and 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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES:

FEBRUARY 10TH, 24TH (1-3PM) FOR 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE

FEBRUARY 10TH, 24TH (7-8:30PM) FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

February 3rd - Souper Bowl of Caring - Fellowship Hall after morning Worship

Our youth are hosting the annual fundraiser, the Super Bowl of Caring! All of our proceeds are donated to the Marietta Area Community Food Pantry.

February 15th-16th - Youth Lock-In - 8PM - 8AM

You may be right, we may be crazy, but we are hosting our annual Lock In. We will have games, worship, food, and plenty of activities. This event is for all students from 6th-12th grade. We will certainly need volunteers to help us run the event and to bring snacks. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

NEW 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 3 -10

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
9:00 – Presby Praise
9:15 – Children/ Youth
Sunday School
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Souper Bowl of
Caring
1:00 – Youth Group

Monday

6:00 – Building & Admin
7:00 – Deacons

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
7:00 – AA

Friday

6:00 – Bob Ross Party

Saturday

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

Next Sunday –

Scriptures
Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Sermon – “Power to
Pursue Justice”