

Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship and our "Winter Picnic" in the
Fellowship Hall immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary in C

Anon. English
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red "friendship pads" found at the end of each pew by the center aisle. Note the names of those worshipping around you as you pass the pad back. We encourage you to greet each other after the service.)

INTROIT

"Seek the Lord while He may be found"
(Isaiah 55: 6-7)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Jae Hwang

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

Great are the works of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #430 (Hymnal)*

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You spoke to us through the prophets, yet we have not kept your commands. You give a new teaching through Jesus, yet we fail to obey your living Word. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from the grip of sin, cast out all that is evil within us, and bring us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

I Kings 18: 17-24

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 325

ANTHEM

“He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps”
(Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

I Kings 18: 25-39

Pew Bible pg. 325

SERMON

“A Fork in the Road”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #372 (Hymnal)*

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Lovaglio

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Auf meinen lieben Gott”

Johann Nicolaus Hanff
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Hwang

HYMN #420 (Hymnal)* “God of Grace and God of Glory”

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Voluntary*

J. C. Beckel
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

will take place immediately following our Worship service TODAY in the Fellowship Hall followed by our “Winter Picnic”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our Greeter or Pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted, please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red “friendship pad”.

Worship Bags, Children’s Bulletins & Coloring Pages! All three are available in the narthex, and are offered with the hope that children who want to will be able to worship alongside the whole church family.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the Narthex.

Coffee hour today is our “Winter Picnic” hosted by the Congregational Life Committee.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

Prayer Chain If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to become part of the “chain” of church members, who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please call the church office at 609/395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Austin Applegate; Betty Borgeson; Sue Britton; Bill Chermak; Bea Davison; Robert Dyke; Gordon Fraser; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Robb Irving; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Gloria-Jean Ryba; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; Dee Wahlers; Larry Wegner; Larry White; Doris Wiegartner; Loida Wilson; Don Winchell; and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Pat Demers' husband, Bob; Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Rose Eller's sister, Louise; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager's daughter-in-law, Liz; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; and Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana.

We pray for all people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service. Members of our church family are encouraged to make prayer requests for relatives serving in our armed services, most especially those serving in harm's way.

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at (609)395-0897; Marie Perrine at (609)426-6244; or email Doris Wiegartner at doriswieg@aol.com. **Prayer requests in the bulletin:** In order to keep the prayer request list up to date, we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.

Please be sure to **sign** the "**Pipeline to Session**" cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give "kudos" as well!

Birthday of Distinction! Alan Balcomb on February 2. **Happy Birthday!!!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School: Gathering Time from 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. The next **Celebration Sunday** will be **February 18**.

Youth Group: Middle School Youth Group meets tonight from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and High School meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Youth Mission Trip Hoagie Fundraiser: Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Super Bowl Sunday- February 4 during coffee hour to buy hoagies from the youth group! The hoagie sale will help support the Summer Youth Mission Trip!

SOUPer Bowl of Caring Sunday is this coming Sunday, February 4. Please bring to church a can of soup with a dollar attached to it with a rubber band. There will be a drop off container in the Narthex and in the front of Fellowship Hall to collect these. The soup and \$\$\$ will go to our own Skeet's Food Pantry. Thank you for caring!

Next month's Book Club meets on February 26: Join us from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Room 1. We will be reading *Lincoln in the Bardo*, by George Saunders. This captivating first novel by the best-selling, National Book Award nominee George Saunders is about Abraham Lincoln and the death of his eleven year old son, Willie, at the dawn of the Civil War.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour Host(s) NEEDED! We need coffee hour host(s) to sign-up. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or cabotk@comcast.net.



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on **TODAY** for our **Annual Winter Picnic** after Worship and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. We will enjoy hot dogs, vegetarian hot dogs, sauerkraut, baked beans, chips and cake plus fun and fellowship with our church family.

CPNS

We had another successful Open House. We look forward to welcoming many new families to our 2018-2019 school year. If you are a church member and have not yet registered your child, please call Janice at (609)655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for additional information.

Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: January 29, February 1, February 5, February 8, February 12, February 15, February 19, February 22 and February 26

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Important message from Stewardship & Finance: Please check to see if your Envelope Number corresponds correctly to the address label on your pledge envelope box. It appears there were a few that were incorrectly addressed. If your label does not match the envelope number in the box correctly, please contact George Smith or the church office.

Counting Teams: 1/28 (Team #3) – 2/4 (Team #4)

	Week Ended 12/31/17
2017 Offerings	\$433,224
2017 Expenses	\$517,930
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$84,706)

WORSHIP

Lay Readers Needed: We are looking for lay readers for January 2018 through June 2018. We welcome new readers to join our team, and would be happy to see your name for one or two Sundays on the sign-up sheet which may be found on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 28, 2018

8a-9a Teachers Breakfast

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a-Worship followed by the Annual Mtg and Winter Picnic

5p-6:30p Middle School Youth Group (Yth Rm)

6:30p-8p High School Youth Group (Yth Rm)

6:30p-8p Boy Scouts Troop 52 (FH)

January 29, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:00p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

January 30, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

3:30p Children's Choir

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

January 31, 2018

7:00p Bell Choir

February 1, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise

2:30p-5:30p TASK - VAN

7:00p Worship Committee Mtg (Lib)

7:30p B&G Mtg (Lib)

7:30p The Chorale

February 2, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

February 3, 2018

February 4, 2018 (SOUPer Bowl of Caring/Scout Sunday)

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour

11:30a Youth Group Hoagie Sale

6:00p-10:00p Youth Group Super Bowl Party (Pastor Hannah's house)

6:30p-8p Boy Scouts Troop 52 (FH)