

Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Allegretto
(Symph. 100)

Franz Joseph Haydn
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

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Toddler – 1st Grade Sunday School Classes

God says:

Do not be afraid, I am with you.

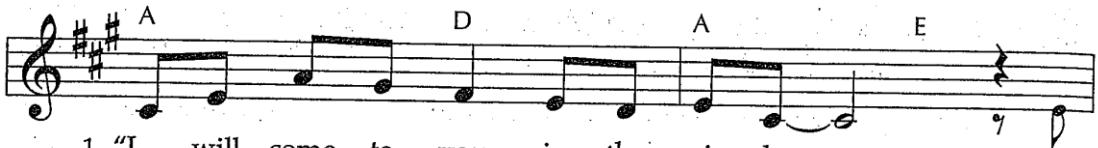
I have called you each by name

Come and follow me, I love you and you are mine.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #177*

“I Will Come to You”



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom;

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F#m D Esus E

I will lift you from all your fear.

I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

A D C# F#m

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

Bm A D Esus E Esus E

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All

A D E F#m7 D

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

Esus E A D E F#m F#m7

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

D Esus E A E D E A E D E

love you and you are mine."

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Dr. Louis Mitchell

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We grumble and complain when you have provided all we need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so that we may not perish but may have eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*
HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*
THE PEACE*

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Caroline Koi
Pew Bible pg. 192

ANTHEM

“To Save us all”

Jay Althouse
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

John 3: 14-21

Pew Bible pg. 94

SERMON

“For God So Loved the World...”

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #85 (Hymnal)*

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Mrs. Anne Gordon

LITANY FOR LENT AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Jae Hwang

Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives, and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert, and the beckoning power of constant activity, and the vain promises of achievement,

God, we turn to you for rest, so we may lay our burdens down.

Because we still see the broken before the whole, and the half empty cup, and the unfinished task, and the thirst for freedom,

God, we turn to you for healing, so we may be made whole.

Because we trust in what we can see, and we are blinded by our prejudices, and we will not admit what we do not know,

God, we turn to you for truth, so we may stop pretending.

Because our need to be right exceeds our need for truth, and our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded, and our celebration of blessing is mindless of those who go without,

God, we turn to you for compassion, so we may join your community of caring.

Because you came among us in Jesus, and breathe life into our souls, and reach out a hand to heal our pain, and take up the cross, that we might be made new, and the world made new through us,

God, we turn to you for hope, so that we may claim the new life you offer each of us through Christ.

Because the cross is not the end of the story; as Easter dawns, Christ is alive with the power of your self-giving love.

God, you are the source of light, hope, and resurrection, in this Lenten season and in every season.

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 *"O come and mourn with me awhile"* Evelyn Morrison
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *"Doxology"*
Prayer of Dedication* Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #358 (Hymnal)* *"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen* The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *"Hark, hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling"* Henry Smart
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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.

Flowers in the chancel today are in celebration of Flo and Andy Kremann’s 15th Wedding Anniversary.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Toddler and Kindergarten/1st Grade Sunday School Classes.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: CPNS family, baby Nicholas & family; Pat Demers’ husband, Bob; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Linda Ferguson’s sister, Patty & daughter-in-law, Kristin; Patricia Grasso’s mother, Eileen & friends, Barbara, Joanne & Debbie; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager’s daughter-in-law, Liz; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana; and Agnes Winchell’s sister, Aniko.

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 or email Doris Wiegartner at doriswieg@aol.com. 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.

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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Wilma Shimer on March 12, Jean Nostrand on March 13, Margaret Lawson and Marie Perrine on March 16 and Pat Scott on March 17.
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.

Mark your calendars for our next Celebration Sunday, March 25 from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.! It's a Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt!

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

Yardsale! The Youth Group is participating in the town-wide yard sale on Saturday, April 28, and would graciously accept any items you'd like to donate to their cause starting April 1. So clean out your closets and your basements, and bring donated items (that you think will sell) to the church in April. Please organize drop-offs with Pastor Hannah ahead of time. Proceeds will support their Summer Mission Trips to New York City and Lorain County, Ohio.

Lenten Bible Study: Adults, join us Wednesday nights during Lent (**3/14 and 3/21**) from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for a Lenten Bible Study. Each week we will study the Scriptures for Sundays' sermons.

This month's Book Club meets on March 26: Join us from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Room 1. We will be discussing *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour Host(s) NEEDED! Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Stewart at (609)395-7159 or email her at frannymag58@aol.com.

CPNS

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun. As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at (609)655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more 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.

This week, we have our Spring professional development opportunity. CPNS will be closed on March 14; however, our teachers will still be busy continuing with their own learning. Our teachers will be visiting other schools in the morning and coming back to CPNS to share their experiences with everyone. Our day will consist of time together in the afternoon to also discuss details regarding the safety and security in our building.

DEACONS

At coffee hour this morning, the Deacons will be selling beautiful spring mugs (designed by Ginny Swanagan) and pillows. All items are \$12.00 each. The proceeds from their sale will benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Skeet's Pantry Gets Ready for Easter! Yes, it's an early Easter this year and our Pantry will be providing Easter "goodies", including hams, for our families in need. Our WISH LIST, though, remains focused on the traditional foods we put in the family bags each month, so we continue to ask that you add to your shopping list the following:

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE,
CEREAL, PANCAKE MIX and PANCAKE SYRUP

If, in addition, you would like to share some Easter "goodies" with our families, we would welcome donations of Easter candy and Easter Egg dye or other Easter children's items. THANK YOU!!!

One Great Hour of Sharing: Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to individuals and communities in need.

Special offering envelopes are in the pews, in the narthex and in the church office for you to use to make a generous contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing. The offering will be collected **Palm Sunday, March 25** or contributions may be made online: www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs.

Please support our denomination. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Thank you for giving generously! Anne Gordon

OTHER NEWS

Springtime at Johnsonburg! Come see and experience the natural beauty of this place, set apart by God. Johnsonburg is yours to enjoy!

The **Women's Spring Retreat**, scheduled for April 20-22 promises to be a fun weekend of fellowship with other women with engaged worship, small group discussions, hiking, boating, zip line, delicious meals, massage, campfire, starwatching and lots of laughter. Lodges are furnished with new comfy mattresses (Tempur-pedic, no less) and fresh bedlinens.

Retreat fee is \$160 per person; private rooms are available for \$180. For more information and to register online visit www.campjburg.org.

Spruce Up Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is a fun filled day of service! Put your faith in action, meet new people, and work with others as you assist the camp staff in preparing the facilities for summer. There is a job for every age and ability. Lunch is included. More information about projects and what to bring will be provided when you register at www.campjburg.org.

Contact Anne Gordon for carpooling options at (609) 409-7885 or agordon321@outlook.com.

2018 Summer Camp Brochures are available now from Pastor Hannah or register your child for summer camp on the Johnsonburg website at www.campjburg.org.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Lenten Challenge: People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. Your small acts of kindness will remain in their hearts forever.

Lunch or Dinner for Eight: It is time again to gather, with our church family for fellowship and good food. **Please join us for Lunch or Dinner for Eight.** We are looking for guests and hosts or hostesses for this semi-annual event. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at our new location outside of Fellowship Hall, waiting for your name. Questions please call Carol Fisher at (609)655-5153 or Ann Mooney at (609)655-4283.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: March 12, March 15, March 19, March 22, March 26 and March 29

Senior Fellowship: We have a wonderful group and hope to see you at one of our programs. If you are interested in our schedule of programs or in joining one of our exercise classes, please call the church office at (609)395-0897 and we will have someone call you.

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group (Knitters and Crocheters): Prayer shawls have been made for centuries. They comfort and enfold; wrap and warm; mother and hug; shelter and embrace. Those who knit and those who receive shawls are blessed.

We are getting together to organize a Prayer Shawl Group here at The First Presbyterian Church. We will have an initial meeting on Thursday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1. Come out and join others who like to knit and crochet. We can enjoy our handiwork and good fellowship while reaching out to those who may be comforted by receiving our shawls.

Don't knit? Don't crochet? Want to learn? We will have instructors there for you! Try it—you'll like it! You don't have to bring anything—we will have needles, etc. for you to use to get started. (Actually, we need a crochet instructor—let me know if you can help that day.) If you have any questions, please call Doris at (609)395-7099.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 3/11 (Team #1) – 3/18 (Team #2)

	Month Ended 2/28/18
YTD Offerings	\$81,896
YTD Expenses	\$81,475
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$421
YTD Per Capita	\$1,576 (7% of \$21,978)

Per Capita Message: Commit yourself to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation.”

Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together as we seek to discern with one another where it is God is leading us. Please consider contributing your per capita of \$37/member!

WORSHIP

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

9:00 a.m. Celebration Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Children’s Palm Parade

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Tenebrae and Communion Service

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Prayer and Meditation

2:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service – Church Courtyard

No Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship and Communion Service



Lay Readers Needed: We are looking for lay readers for now 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!

Ushers Needed: We have a number of vacancies to fill on our Ushering Guild. All ages are welcome to participate! If you are interested in joining our ushering team, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-1976 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 11, 2018 (4th Sunday of Lent)

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)
6:30p-8p Boy Scouts Troop 52 (FH)

March 12, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise
7:00p Brass Choir
7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib)
7:30p CPNS Board Mtg (Rm 1)
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

March 13, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
3:30p Children's Choir
7:00p Outreach Committee Mtg (Lib)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p Stewardship & Fin Cmte Mtg (Church Office)

March 14, 2018

Organ Tuning
8a-3p CPNS Professional Dev (FH/Lib/Kit)
9:00a Session Material Due
7:00p Bell Choir
7:00p-8:30p Lenten Bible Study - Library

March 15, 2018

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing (FH)
10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p The Chorale

March 16, 2018

8a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution (FH)
9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)
4:30p Confirmation Retreat (VAN)

March 17, 2018

5:30p Scout Meeting – JY (FH)
Confirmation Retreat (VAN)

March 18, 2018 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:45a Library Committee (Lib)
2:00p Confirmation Retreat Returns (VAN)
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)