

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Jan 15th, 2017

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

Welcome & Announcements Will Newton

Organist: Carol Wehreshedt Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

*Hymn: "I heard the voice of Jesus say"

#671

Opening Prayer:

God of light and of love, by the waters you walk with us, inviting us into new adventures. In the darkness you shine your light, guiding us in your path. In the shadows of death you send your comfort to alleviate our fears and we know we are not alone. You call us together to be your people and to offer you our praise. So we come to give you the glory that is only due to you. Merciful God, We confess that we often turn from who you call us to be. You call us to follow your way of compassion but too often we turn to criticism. You call us to follow your way of peace but too often we are the source of division. You call us to follow your way of trust but too often we take off on our own, leaving your call behind. Forgive us, O God. Unite our will to your will, help us to cling to your way and strive for your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

*Children's Hymn "Follow me, the Master said"
(Sing last verse after Children's Time)

#645

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#449

"Be Still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10)
Please take the time before the service as an opportunity to quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship.

"Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!"

Bible Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4

OT -Pg. 638

Psalms 27:1,4-9

OT - Pg. 503-504

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

NT - Pg. 166

Matthew 4:12-23

NT - Pg. 3-4

Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: "The Call"

*Hymn: "Will you come and follow me"

#634

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Response

#501

"Live in charity and steadfast love; live in charity; God will dwell with you."

*Prayer of Dedication:

Lord of all creation, you call us to your service. With humble hearts we offer our gifts of time and treasure to you. We pray that you take all that we give unto you and use it to transform your kingdom here on earth into one full of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts...debtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Take my life and let it be Consecrated" #637

Blessing

Response: #624

"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!"

Postlude