

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Jan 29th, 2017

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

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

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Organist: Carol Wehrstedt Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

*Hymn: "Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you" #467

Opening Prayer:

God of wisdom and blessing: On this day we come into the warmth of your presence. Here we find shelter in the strength of your promises, here we find welcome in your tender care. And so, we offer our praise to you. We also know that we cannot hide our faults from you. We confess that too often we seek the wisdom of the world instead of your guidance. We value our reputations above reconciliation and for our sins of pride, we are sorry. We know that our words are not always loving nor our actions always just. Though our hearts are eager, our wills are weak. Forgive us we pray. Uphold us and renew us by the blessing of your mercy so we may walk more humbly with you each day. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

*Children's Hymn "Teach me, God, to wonder" #704
(Sing last verse after Children's Time)

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #449

"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!"

"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.

Bible Readings

Matthew 5:1-12

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

NT – Pg. 4

OT - Pg. 495

NT – Pg. 166

Gloria Patri:

#594

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

Sermon: "Being Blessed"

*Hymn: "Blest are they"

#624

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:

Blessed One, we discover such a contrast to our present culture when we read the Beatitudes. We rejoice that these generous gifts will strengthen this congregation's ability to engage in ministries of peace, mercy, comfort, and truth. We dedicate them to you in gratitude for your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "O for a world where everyone" #730

Blessing

Response:

#624

"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!"

Postlude