

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday July 9th, 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**

Call to Worship

Hymn: "Come, thou long-expected Jesus" #110

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, How wonderful are your works; how great are your ways. You are generous in love and kindness, endless in goodness and power, overflowing with grace and mercy. You fill the world with truth and justice. You offer all people hope and new beginnings. Jesus welcomes all who are tired and heavy-laden to lay down their worries at his feet. And so, we confess to God and one another our sins and burdens: We have allowed ourselves to become so busy that we struggle to hear your voice or see you at work in the world. Weighed down by many tasks, heavy cares, and distractions, we forget to come to you in prayer and to lay everything at your feet. Teach us how to live freely. Help us to enter into your rhythm of grace and salvation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Children's Hymn "Saviour, teach me day by day" #698**

Sing last verse after Children's Time

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #575

"Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face; for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

"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:

Malachi 3:1-7

OT – Pg.889-890

Psalms 37:1-8

OT – Pg.510

Matthew 11:7-19

NT – Pg. 11

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: "Pointing to Greatness"

***Hymn: "O living Word of God"**

#354

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Response

#434 v.5

"For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise."

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Abundant God, in deep gratitude for life and for all the blessings that come from you, we offer back to you some measure of what we have been given. Accept our offerings and use them and use us for the building up of your reign in this world. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn: "God Will Take Care of You"**

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Blessing

#264

Sing Amen. Amen we praise your name, O God.

Sing Amen. Amen we praise your name, O God.

Sing Amen, Amen, amen, amen, amen,

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Asithi. Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

Asithi. Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

Asithi, Amen, Baba, amen, Baba,

Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

Postlude