

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Aug 27th 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: "I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art" #678

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, we rejoice to be as one in your great human family on earth and in heaven. We adore you, who has made each of us according to your plan. We approach you, who keeps the mystery of divinity, but who shows us what it means to be divinely human through your Son, Jesus Christ. Too often, we look for you in all the wrong places: the corridors of power, and the head tables of the world. Meanwhile, you are on the sidewalks with the homeless; you are giving soup to the hungry at the kitchen's back door. Forgive us. Transform our cold hearts; let them melt into service to others. In your mercy, help us to think of all those we have ignored. In your grace, enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ as the hope, joy, and peace the world seeks. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Children's Hymn "God is love; come heaven, adoring" #314**

Sing last verse after Children's Time

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #500v.1

"Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see: open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!"

"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:

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Matthew 16:13-20

OT – Pg. 681

OT – Pg. 577

NT – Pg. 18

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: "Breaking Gates"

Hymn: "Let Christian faith and hope dispel"

#368

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Response

#484 v.2

"The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed."

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Merciful Lord, you have provided each of us with many similar, yet unique gifts. Thank you for the talents and abilities of people within this congregation. We are a blessed people! Now, we unite as one body to share in this worshipful act of offering. Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to support the transformation of people's spiritual lives, through the ministry and mission of this body of Christ. Amen

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** "A mighty fortress is our God"

#315

Blessing

"Go now in peace, never be afraid; God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true; Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe; Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love."

Postlude