

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able.

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

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist: Micah Pawluk Music Director: Kendall House

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude**

**\*Entry of the Bible**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** "Fairest Lord Jesus" **#375**

**Opening Prayer:**

**God of gentleness and power: on this first day of the week you began creating, bringing light out of darkness and order out of chaos. On this first day of the week you began your new creation, raising Christ out of the darkness of death and breathing new life into your world and your people. You call us to waken from our slumbers and to gather in this place, where we will listen, wonder, sing, pray, be fed, and then sent out to be your instruments of transformation in a hurting world. Forgive our wrongdoing: things we have done knowingly; and things we have left undone; hurts we have inflicted unintentionally, and hurts we have tried to hide. Forgive our acts of selfishness, harmful things we have done to please others, or to please ourselves. Help us choose a better way. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Choir Anthem**

**\*Children's Hymn** "God of mercy, God of grace" **#39**

*\*Sing last verse after Children's Time\**

**\*Children's Time**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of Preparation:** **#452 v.2**

**"Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart; bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart."**

"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:**

**Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**

**Psalms 62:5-12**

**1 Timothy 6:11-19**

**pg. 615 OT**

**pg. 526-527 OT**

**pg. 210-211 NT**

**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: "Chasing After Wind"**

**Hymn** "Holy Spirit, truth divine"

**#394**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offertory Response:**

**#275 v.5**

**Let every creature rise and bring the honours due our glorious King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the long Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of Deliverance, we pause during this time of worship to return to you some of the monetary riches that you have given to us. When we do so, we are reminded to set our hearts and minds on your steadfast love. You alone are our rock, our fortress, and our salvation. We experience comforting solace in your refuge. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*Hymn:** "In the bulb there is a flower"

**#674**

**Blessing**

**#726**

**" May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way; bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all. Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call."**

**Postlude (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during the postlude.)**