

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday January 28th , 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 "Come sing, O church in joy!"

#757

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, you are the wisdom behind all mystery; the sustenance in all that nourishes. Deep is our joy each time we encounter you. We gather with your people in worship to express our reverence, awe, and praise. We gather to celebrate the good we have experienced, knowing it all comes from your hand. And yet, we are strangely resistant to your grace. We confess there are times when we hide from your glory. We forget that all that is lovely, delightful, and good has its origin in you. We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places. Forgive us. Open our eyes. Stir us to wonder and reverence. Fill us to overflowing with your love, so it may pour out into the world, bringing healing to broken places. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

***Children's Hymn** "Who made the earth and the heaven" **#339**

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:

James 2:14-26

Psalm 95:1-6

Matthew 13:31-32

pg. 230 NT

pg. 550 OT

pg. 14-15 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: written by Mr. Rob Robertson (convener of the PWS&D committee)

Hymn "Brother, sister, let me serve you"

#635

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offerory 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:**

Awesome God, you sent Jesus to teach people firsthand the power of your love, grace, and authority. You call us to be mindful and vigilant of the extraordinary miracles that you continue to work in our lives today. May this offering undergird ministries that show others your miraculous love, grace, and authority. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** "Blest are they"

#624

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 remain seated during the postlude)