

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

May our lives and the gifts we offer be used in God’s work of justice and hope. Amen.

GO TO SERVE  
WITH GOD’S BLESSING

**\*HYMN** “Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud” ABERYSTWYTH

Musical notation for the hymn "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud" with lyrics in three parts. The lyrics include: "1. Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel-ter, Light, 2. Word and Wid-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser-vant, Lamb, 3. Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire, Judge, De-fen-er, Mer-cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed: Well and Wa-ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM: Com-fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En-er-gies that nev-er tire: May the church at prayer re-call that no sin-gle ho-ly name but the truth be-hind them all is the God-whom we pro-claim."

**SENDING ANTHEM** “Meeting is Over” Arr. James E. Clemens

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE** AR HYD Y NOS

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;  
Here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”  
Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

**POSTLUDE** “Mouvement” Jean Berveiller

WELCOME FRIENDS

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church.** Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to those around you. Visitors, please include your name, address, zip code, and phone number. When the register returns, note the names of people near you and greet one another after the service.

**VISITORS**, please accept our invitation to worship with us regularly and be sure to pick up a white visitor welcome bag, located in the back of the sanctuary on the Welcome Desk.

**Sound enhancement devices** that can accommodate a T-switch on a hearing aid, or can be fitted with a personal earpiece, are available in the sanctuary. Ask any usher for details, or see the sound engineer at the sound desk at the front of the sanctuary.

**Emergency Information.** An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the west wall of the Narthex (back of Sanctuary) and a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building.

**Enjoy Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall this morning!** All members and visitors are invited to stop by and say “hello.” Today’s Fellowship Hosts are Tony and Beth Runkle. If you are available to host fellowship hour on Sunday morning, please contact Frances Keller (563-386-3878), or leave a note at the Welcome Desk.

**Childcare for infants and toddlers through four-years of age is provided** from 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the Little Saints and Angels Nursery (on the third floor of the Christian Education building). Access is possible via the curved stairway just beyond the Sanctuary door to the right of the Chancel (front of the Sanctuary).

**Music Notes:** The *Sanctuary Choir* provides music leadership this morning, with the world premiere of a new piece commissioned by the church. Jay Flood is an Emmy-nominated film and TV composer, with such diverse soundtrack credits as *Transformers*, *Desperate Housewives*, and *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. Jay is also a visiting professor at the Longy School of Music of Bard College.

We thank Ahreum Han Congdon for playing the organ this morning.

Next week, February 25, the *Sanctuary Choir* and *Cherub Choir* provide music.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Deaths:** Dorothy Larson, February 10, 2018  
Faye White, February 12, 2018

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Brenda Boyd; Robin Ciccotelli; The family of Dave Hill and all Scouts of Troop 7 and the community; Sean Jacobsmeier; Jane Paul and her children, Charlie, Annie, and A.J. (*death of husband and father, Jeff*); the Larson Family (*death of Dorothy*); Bob McCowan; the Shawver family (*death of Bruce*); the Speer family (*death of Marilyn*); the White family (*death of Faye*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, and all recent natural disasters.

**Mission Partners:** Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*), Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe.

**Hospital visits** by the Pastor to members and friends of the church, are made only with a patient’s permission.

**InTouch Information:** If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy personal visits to your home or care facility and would like to be contacted by one of First Presbyterian’s InTouch members, please contact LaWanda Roudebush (563-359-1577), Deacon of Pastoral Care Spiritual Development Committee.

**Printed Prayer Requests** for members and friends also require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin or mentioned during Sunday Prayer. Printed requests are in the bulletin for one month, or you can share with the Pastor or church office if you no longer wish to remain on the prayer list. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to have you, a family member, or a friend directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

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February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

Worship at Nine and Eleven O’Clock in the Morning



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:

Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

“The heavens are telling the glory of God and  
the firmament proclaims his handiwork.”  
Psalm 19:1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

REV. DR. RICHARD MILLER

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT 10:00 AM

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

# ORDER OF SERVICE

\*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

*Liturgist: James Riedesel; Sermon: Rev. Dr. Richard Miller*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

**PRELUDE** "Rondo alla campanella, Op. 156" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude. The Bible, which has been placed near the outside door symbolizing its place in the world, is brought to the lectern from which lessons will be read, symbolizing the place of Scripture in Christian Worship.*

**PRELUDE** "Poem" Zdenko Fibich

## PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the quiet of this place,

**To be with the God who sings into the shadows of our lives.**

We gather to be marked as disciples,

**Knowing that nothing past, present, or future separates us from God.**

We come to be fed for the journey through Lent,

**To be sealed by the Spirit as God's own.**

**\*HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

*At the 9:00 AM service, children are invited to come forward to the Chancel as the hymn ends.*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes.  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - mighty - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 Then with - er and per - sish; but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 9:00 AM

# CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing "O Tender God" one time.

O ten-der God, have mer-cy, for you are for us. O liv-ing  
 Christ, have mer-cy, for you will heal us. O ten-der God, have mer-cy,  
 for you are for us, for you are for us.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we often have trouble with the truth, and therefore we have trouble being your people. We may not trample the poor, but we sometimes walk right past them. We don't receive bribes, but we are more privileged than many around us. When we are greedy, correct us and be gracious to our troubled souls. When we have trouble confronting injustice, guide and direct us. When we struggle to seek good, point us to Jesus, who shows us how to turn our back on evil and follow in your ways. Amen.**

*Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "O Tender God" one time.*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe this good news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 579

**ANTHEM** 11:00 AM "Verses from Samuel" Jay Flood  
 The Sanctuary Choir, Premiere — Commissioned by FPC

**\*HYMN** "Earth and All Stars!" EARTH AND ALL STARS

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rush-ing plan - ets! Sing to the  
 Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow-ing  
 snow - storm! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 God has done mar - - vel - ous things.  
 We too sing prais - es with a new song!

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 19 *The Old Testament page 498*  
 1 Corinthians 1:15-20 *The New Testament page 166*

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Why is There Anything At All?"

# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*HYMN** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" PLEADING SAVIOR

1. God, you spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, fill the seas and  
 2. You have called us to be faith-ful in our life and  
 3. God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to  
 spread the plain, mold the moun tains, fash-ion blo-ssoms,  
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor - ship  
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas  
 call forth sun shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed  
 joined in one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your  
 where there's work to dare and do. Keep us clear of  
 in your im - age, would a true re - flec - tion be  
 gra - cious im - age, fo - cus us and make us whole.  
 all dis - tor - tion. Pol - ish us with lov - ing care.  
 of your jus - tice, grace, and mer - cy  
 Healed and strength ened as your peo - ple,  
 Thus, new crea - tures in your im - age,  
 and the truth that makes us free.  
 we move on - ward towards your goal.  
 we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** "Financial Update" Patrick Downing

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

*In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.*

9:00 AM "Verses from Samuel" Jay Flood  
 The Sanctuary Choir, Premiere — Commissioned by FPC

11:00 AM "Gigue" Gordon Young

### \*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

*Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH, 592 in the hymnal*

*\*Continued...*