

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Accept these offerings we pray, and continue to teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves. Show us how to truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

GO TO SERVE  
WITH GOD'S BLESSING

**\*HYMN** Vs. 1-3 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

Musical notation for the hymn "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" with lyrics. The lyrics include: "1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of 2. Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our 3. Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows heart your car - ols raise; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - fore-bears in dis - tress; God is still the same for - well our fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens giv - en, who, like me, should sing God's praise? O \_\_\_ praise Him, ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless. O \_\_\_ praise Him, bear - ing, still to count - less years the same. O \_\_\_ praise Him, O \_\_\_ praise Him! Praise the Mak - er all your days! O \_\_\_ praise Him! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness! O \_\_\_ praise Him! All with - in me, praise God's name!"

**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."  
Congregation

**POSTLUDE** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Edwin T. Childs

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 *Kirkwood Choir* provides music for worship this morning, while the *Sanctuary Choir* has the morning off. We thank Linda Allebach for playing the organ this morning.

Next week, March 11, the Sanctuary Choir provides music and Cole Guillien offers solos on the *viola da gamba*.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Brenda Boyd; Robin Ciccotelli; Sue Ervin and family (*death of mother and grandmother*); Brooklyn Howard; Sean Jacobsmeier; The Kardel Family (*death of Harlen, father and grandfather*); the Larson Family (*death of Dorothy*); Wava & Pete Madden (*death of grandson*); Bob McCowan; Rev. Dr. Richard Miller; 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).

**The Prayer Chain** connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. Those asking for prayer on the Prayer Chain will not be included in the bulletin unless specifically requested. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

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March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship at Nine and Eleven O'Clock in the Morning



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*A place to belong! Where faith is nurtured,  
curiosity is encouraged, diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:**

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

"And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."  
Revelation 21:2

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God,  
and in memory of Don and Evelyn Ireby by their family.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

REV. PAT HALVERSON

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

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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

*Liturgist: Elder Marty Bowles Edwards; Sermon: Rev. Dr. Richard Miller*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

**PRELUDE** "Prelude on HYFRYDOL" Carol Muehlig

### 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** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" Arr. David Cherwien

**INTROIT** "Make Me a Christian, Lord" Jody W. Lindh  
The Kirkwood Choir

## PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give praise to God who reigns above, the source of all that we have and all that we are.

**We continue on our path toward Good Friday and Easter,**

God's watchfulness accompanies us all along the way.

**We sing our grateful song to God; all praise and glory.**

**\*HYMN** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART

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



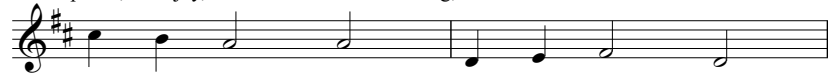
1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all Cre -
2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -



- a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The  
keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's  
tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our



God of our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my  
watch-ful eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king - dom  
peace, and joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth - er's



soul is filled, And ev - ery faith - less  
of God's might, Lo! all is just and  
ten - der hand, God gent - ly leads the



mur - mur stilled:  
all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
cho - sen band:

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 9:00 AM

## CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing "Take O Take Me" one time.



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall



be, set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, there are many stories beyond us that the mysteries of the gospels try to explain. There are heights we have not dared to climb, and depths we have feared to descend. We have seen the cross and found salvation in it, yet like children we have only half understood what it means for us. Forgive our lack of imagination. Show us how to live with the creative power of the Scriptures and the forgiveness you offer us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Take O Take Me" 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



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly



Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er



shall be, world with - out end, A - men, A - men.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 28:10-17 *The Old Testament page 25*

Revelation 21:1-5 *The New Testament page 259*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

"Heaven"

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

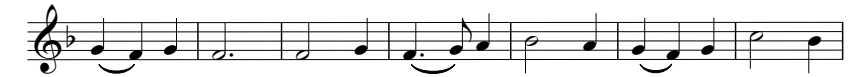
### \*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL



1. Love di - vine all loves ex - cel - ing, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy  
trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us  
life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er -  
let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect



faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com pas - sion,  
find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee  
Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

### 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.*

"Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven" Arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

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

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