



Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession  
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Through Jesus Christ you have come to set us free from sin and death; still, we cling to old ways of bondage. Forgive us we pray. Open our eyes to the gift of your mercy; and give us strength to stand firm in it. Open our hearts to the depth of your love, and stir us to love as we have been loved; for we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshipper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

Congregational Response  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn #734)

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:8-17 p. 13

Choral Anthem “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Haan  
I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, my trials, Lord, walk with me. My head is bowed, is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I am dying, Lord, walk with me, when I am dying, Lord, walk with me. When I am on my bed of sorrow, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me, with me.

Children’s Message (Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery)

Epistle Reading I Peter 3:19-22 p. 1890

Sermon “God’s Bow in the Clouds”

\*Hymn of Response  
Hymn #446 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” St. Margaret

\*Affirmation of Faith “Apostles’ Creed”  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to

judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen

Minute for Mission  
“One Great Hour of Sharing – Gifts at Work” Joe Klinebriel

The Offering  
Offertory “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” arr. P. Benjamin  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sending Hymn  
Hymn #250 “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights” Winchester

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude “Agnus Dei” Mozart / Gale  
\*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:  
Kristen Eby, Music Director  
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director  
Roger Ebertz, liturgist  
Rev. Katherine Achtemeier, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:  
Bob Monthey, greeter  
Ethan Blair and Mark Stant, Coffee Fellowship hosts  
Elissa Smith and Florence Siefker, Nursery

Who We Are  
First Presbyterian Church is a diverse community of people who are experiencing the Father’s love in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are called through the Scriptures to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In thankful response for all God has done for us, we serve our church, neighborhood and world—through ministries of worship, nurture, education, and outreach.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THROUGHOUT LENT & THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY we will hear about the One Great Hour of Sharing offering of our denomination. OGHS serves the worldwide body of Christ. Envelopes are in the pews. Lenten Devotional giving-calendars and “fish banks” are in the narthex. Our goal for FPC is \$1500. By God’s grace we hope to exceed this goal!

THIS IS THE 18TH YEAR FIRST PRES will hold Sunday evening Lenten worship (Feb. 18-March 18). We gather at 6:30PM to listen to God’s word in music, the reading of scripture, prayer, proclamation, silence, and the celebration of Holy Communion. Come join us, and receive Christ. Childcare is provided.

PURPLE IS THE COLOR OF THE WEEK! Look for the weekly Lenten devotional available in the Coffee Room and narthex. The devotional includes a suggested scripture reading, some questions to prompt your thinking, and a prayer for the day. This week’s color is PURPLE. The color will change with each week as we journey together through this season. A special thank you to the Worship Committee for making these available.

THE 2018 SENIOR HIGH MISSION TEAM will meet *next Sunday, February 25, at 11:30AM, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall*. Each mission team member is expected to attend along with a parental unit. *Bring your calendars!*

THANK YOU FOR MAKING the 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring the most exciting and successful ever!!!! We even outscored ourselves from last week. Our grand total is now \$753!! Thanks be to God!

CATCH UP WITH OUR MISSIONARIES IN THAILAND. Their most recent newsletter is available in the narthex and coffee room.

HELP! We are running out of Coffee Hour hosts! Can you lend a hand?

THE GOOD LIFE REDEFINED: “Less stuff. Live more. Find joy!” Feb. 18, 2-4pm. See the flyers in the narthex, & flyers & posters in Coffee Room.

COMING SOON! Marsha Wilfong’s Bible study on the Book of James, set to run Tuesdays @ WPC, Feb. 20-April 10, 6:30-8pm; OR Wednesdays @ Bethany Home, Feb 21-Ap. 11, 2pm. More details in the Feb. newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE for a Retirement & Farewell Celebration in honor of Rev. Achtemeier on Saturday, April 28, 11:30AM-2PM @ Westminster PC.

CAMP WYOMING’S 2018 Summer Program brochures are in the Coffee Hour Room. Get yours today. Scholarships are available.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through February 11th totaled \$4,972.60