WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. during the school year, and worship at 10:15 a.m.

A Time of Fellowship

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship and treats in the Coffee Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

† TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS *†*

The community of Parkland, FL-and this nation (in yet another horrific school shooting that took place this past Wednesday).

Those grieving the loss of loved ones

All those suffering with the flu or caring for those who are sick

Those with medical challenges during pregnancy

A student battling leukemia & preparing for a bone marrow transplant

A child born 15 weeks premature—in intensive care at Madison

For healthy pregnancies

A couple hoping to be reunited permanently in the US

All who face the challenges of age, and those who care for them

For unity for this nation and peace in this world

Our missionaries in Thailand

All who face the darkness and pain of addiction and struggle with despair

Those facing health issues and medical concerns

For those battling cancer and cancer recurrences

All those being persecuted and killed for their Christian beliefs, including Abune Antonios, Patriarch of the Eritrean Orthodox Church in Eritrea

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Jessica Shetler, Lyle Vander Broek, Bob Monthey, and Agatha Herbst (birthdays)

With gratitude for an incredibly generous FPC congregation.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., February 18	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching	10:15ar
	11:30am-2:00pm 6:30pm		Announ
Tue., February 20	6:30pm	Session	Prelude
Wed., February 21	6:30pm	Choir	
Sun., February 25	9:00am 10:15am 11:30am 1:30pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship: preacher Student pastor, Jennifer Pattee Mission team meeting w/parents & participants (Fellowship Hall) Bethany Home Lenten worship	For Pra "Almight quickly to nesses of our Lord, er." Ame
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Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South wall - Season of Lent West Wall - 1 John 4:19 North Wall - Psalm 96:1 (in memory of Betty Gronau)

Deacons for the Month of February: Michelle Daniels and Jamie Dillman Prayer Chain requests may be called (582-4494) or emailed to the church office Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00-1:00pm.

Lectionary Readings for February 25th:

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

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Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise Hymn #398 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" (vv. 1-2) Ebenezer "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" Redman Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, oh my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before Oh my soul I'll worship Your holy name The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes Bless the Lord...

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, oh my soul...

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Founded 1847 First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

(Psalm 92:1-2,4-5,8 adapted)

"Pie Jesu"

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aver and Reflection (Book of Common Prayer) hty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weakfeach of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son d, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forev-

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

For you make us glad by your deeds, O Lord; we sing for joy at the works of your hands.

How great are your works.

O Lord, how profound your thoughts!

You, O Lord, are exalted forever.

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	р. 13
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"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" **Choral Anthem** 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
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*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 Peop	le and the Lord's Prayer				
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thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.					
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*Charge and Bened	liction	TH			
*Postlude	"Agnus Dei"	Mozart / Gale			
*Those who are able, p	lease stand.				
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	Leaders in Worship:				
	Kristen Eby, Music Director	HI			
	Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director	111			
	Roger Ebertz, liturgist	Tł			
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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!

HIS 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.

JRPLE 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.

calendars!

HANK 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!

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

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

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

OMING 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.

HE 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

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