

***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.

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*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 †

*Twins, both suffering with RSV (one recently hospitalized)*  
*Those grieving the loss of loved ones*  
*Those hospitalized*  
*The community of Parkland, FL—and this nation* (in yet another horrific school shooting that took place this past Wednesday).  
*All those suffering with the flu or caring for those who are sick.*  
*Those dealing with medical challenges during pregnancy*  
*A student battling leukemia & preparing for a bone marrow transplant*  
*A grandson born 15 weeks premature in intensive care at Madison and gradually improving)*  
*For healthy pregnancies*  
*Those 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*  
*Missionaries*  
*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:**

*Lesley Sheridan* (birthday)

# THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., February 25	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: preacher Student pastor, Jennifer Pattee
	11:30am	Mission team meeting w/parents & participants (Fellowship Hall)
	<i>(or 15 minutes following worship)</i>	
	1:30pm	Bethany Home: Jennifer Pattee & Jill Klinebriel
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Fri., March 2	1:30pm	Manor Care: Pastor & Amanda Eby
Sat., March 3	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
Sun., March 4	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching
	6:30pm	Lenten worship

*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*)

## West Wall - 1 John 4:19

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***Deacons for the Month of February:*** Michelle Daniels and Jamie Dillman  
***March:*** Steve & Beth Foxen

***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 .

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*Lectionary Readings for March 4th:*  
Exodus 20:1-17; *Psalm 19*  
I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

10:15am      *Second Sunday of Lent*      February 25, 2018

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*Second Sunday of Lent*

*Announcements*

*Prelude*                      “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”                      *arr. Bock*

**For Prayer and Reflection** (Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer)  
*O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have turned away from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Call to Worship*

Come, Lord God, to receive our worship.

**Come, Lord Jesus, to receive our praise.**

Come, Holy Spirit, to receive our thanks.

**Come, eternal three-in-one God.**

Come where we are gathered to celebrate our unity as your body,  
the church.

Come, Holy Spirit, to receive our thanks.

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the church.

which belong solely and wholly to you.

### Opening Prayer

*\*Songs of Praise*  
 “U ya-i mose” *Gondo / Donaldson*  
 U ya-I mose ti-na ma-te Mwa-ri (3x)  
 U ya-I mose svi-no.

Come now and worship the Lord!

Bring tears and sadness! Bring your prayers and praises!

Come now and worship the Lord!

U ya-I mose svi-no.

“Speak, O Lord” *Getty*  
 Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
 Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
 That the light of Christ might be seen today  
 In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, All Your purposes for Your glory.  
*(continued)*

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail-Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us-  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession* (From the Book of Common Worship)  
**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*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 17:1-7, 15-16 p. 22

*Choral Anthem* “Be Still, and Know That I Am God” *Lantz III*

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

*Epistle Reading* Colossians 1:1-14 p. 1831

*Sermon* “One True Teacher”

*\*Hymn of Response* #404 “Hope of the World” *Vicar*

- \*Affirmation of Faith* (From the Confession of Belhar)  
**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**  
**We believe**
- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**
  - that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;**
  - that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

Joys and Concerns

*Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer* (Back cover of hymnal)

*Minute for Mission* “Face to Face with Disaster” Jonah Brehm

*The Offering*  
*Offertory* “God Leads Us Along” *arr. Kendrick*  
*\*Doxology*  
*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*\*Sending Hymn* #350 “The Summons” *Kelvingrove*

\*Charge and Benediction

*\*Postlude* “Come Away to the Skies” *arr. Larkin*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Leaders in Worship:*  
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*; Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*  
Rev. Katherine Achtemeier, *liturgist*  
Student Pastor, Jennifer Pattee, *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

THE 2018 SENIOR HIGH MISSION TEAM will meet *today, 15 minutes after the end of worship, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.*

ON SUNDAYS THROUGH EASTER we will hear about the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. OGHS serves the worldwide body of Christ. Our goal for FPC is \$1500. By God’s grace we hope to exceed this goal! Thus far \$56 has been given for OGHS. Envelopes are in the pews. Lenten Devotional giving-calendars and “fish banks” are in the narthex.

*DID YOU KNOW THAT through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing last year: 50 fuel-efficient stoves were constructed and installed in homes in Guatemala; and even now Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working in South Sudan to provide large-scale emergency relief projects for displaced persons and refugees?*

COME JOIN US FOR evening Lenten worship (tonight-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.

THE SESSION has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 11, for the purpose of hearing the Nominating Committee’s report and the election of a new Deacon.

WE’VE GOT YOUR BACK! On Sunday, March 11, when we begin Daylight Savings time the FPC Senior High Mission Team will help you ***SPRING FORWARD.*** We invite you to our Chili & Zuppa Toscana Soup Mission-Trip-Fundraiser-Lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. *You get to name your price!* Watch for details. ***And watch for more information on our Palm Sunday Bake Sale on March 25th!***

GREEN IS THE COLOR OF THE WEEK! Look for your new 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.

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

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JAMES, taught by Marsha Wilfong, meets Tuesdays through April 10 @ 6:30-8pm @ WPC; OR Wednesdays through April 11 @ 2pm @ Bethany Home. All are welcome.

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 18th totaled \$10,836.91