

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Please take note of the insert in the bulletin having to do with **Wednesday Night Live**. While Wednesday Night Live is on break this coming week, having completed the first term, it will resume with Ash Wednesday on March 1 for the Lenten term. It is most desirable to have some kind of good estimate of the number that may be coming for dinner. Please take the insert and fill it out—we don't even need your name, just the count. The beginning of Lent may be a good opportunity for you to become involved, or re-involved in Wednesday Night Live.

Today's Schedule - February 19

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:10 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 12:15 p.m. - Outreach Committee Meeting

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday (No Wednesday Night Live this week)

- 6:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth practice for Youth Sunday
- 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday - February 26

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Meeting

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough—Director of Music
B. J. Mauldin—Organist/Keyboard Musician
Renee Stormer—Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks—Pastor Emeritus



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February 19, 2017

7th Sunday after Epiphany

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymnals or music sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *All Glory Be to God on High* Pachelbel

CHORAL INTROIT *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Ceron Davis
Chancel Choir (8:45), Octet (11:00)

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, John 13:34*
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another.

*HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 587*)

Celtic Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

OLD TESTAMENT READING ♦ (*Pew Bible, p. 106 OT*)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING ♦ (*Pew Bible, p. 5 NT*)

Matthew 5:38-48

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (8:45)

Jubilate Deo
Chancel Choir

Emily Crocker

(11:00)

Prayer of St. Francis
Octet

Allen Pote

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, p. 14 (*front of Hymnal*) (11:00)—*Lena Elrod*

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

At the 11:00 service, when this time is concluded, children pre-school through 2nd grade are invited to join the leader to go to children's church.

*HYMN 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

SERMON

A Good Idea—But Will It Work?

Harry C. Meissner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45)

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING PRAYER

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:45)

Prayer of St. Francis
Octet

Allen Pote

(11:00)

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
Jubilate Ringers

arr. Dan Edwards

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Farewell, Good Friends
Chancel Choir (8:45), Octet (11:00)

Hebrew Blessing

VOLUNTARY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Fleischer

OUR INVITATION

Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Jesus Christ and to his church. If you are not vitally involved in some community of faith, perhaps this congregation is the place where you can worship, find fellowship, grow, and share in our mission and witness to the world. If you would like to discuss this important matter, please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad or speak to the minister following the service.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Mary McBain, (11:00) Jan Sloan

** Deacon - (8:45) Karen Hunt, (11:00) Barbara Follansbee
Acolyte - Parker Villafana (11:00)

♦ Youth Reader - (8:45) Ashley Neece, (11:00) R.J. Jesudas