



Service For The Lord's Day

Communion Sunday/Souper Bowl of Caring

February 4, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope and celebration in this hour spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person. Note those who worship with you so that you might greet them by name.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Live for God every moment of every day. Take time to bow down in gratitude for God's love. Do not be afraid to witness to your growing faith. Do not hesitate to show the fruits of abiding in Christ. You have been equipped and empowered by love. God is filling your life with purpose and energy. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(Please greet nearby worshipers and return to your seat.)*

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

Chopin

INTROIT

"Come, Let Us Bow Down"

arr. Hopson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

Leader: Come to worship God, Whose love was revealed in Jesus. Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God.

All: We will worship the Almighty and sing praises. We will proclaim good news to others.

Leader: Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us. We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

All: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. We seek to let God's love be perfected in us.

Leader: Remember that you have been baptized. God claims you and has high expectations of you.

All: Christ is the vine; we are the branches. We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(In Unison)*

Open our senses to Your direction, gracious God, so we may be alert to opportunities You give us. Fill us with good news to share with those who seek meaning for their lives. We are here because we need the good news ourselves. There is much in life that we do not understand. We seek to know Your Word and to be led by it. Recall us to the vows of our baptism, reconfirming in us the covenant promises that link us to You and to one another. As we meet You here, our hearts are lifted up in praise. May our worship glorify Your name and be pleasing to You. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "How Great Thou Art" No. 467

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Lay Reader)*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

O God, we have ignored our origin in You and denied Your rule over all the peoples. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in Your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters as if they were enemies to be hated. We are afraid to love those who differ from us or who have the power to harm us. We hesitate to take the risks of caring for fear that we may be hurt. Discipleship seems too demanding. O God, release us from our fears and failures to trust Your love and live with bold generosity. Amen.

***KYRIE** No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader)*

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Loving God, Whom we praise and glorify as disciples of Jesus Christ, cleanse us today by Your Word so we may rejoice once more in our baptism and aspire to the perfection of love among us and throughout Your world. Prune away the dead debris of our fears and failures so we may become productive branches in the church, reaching out to feed a world starving for genuine love and yearning for community. Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 22:25-31

ANTHEM "Lamb of God" Christiansen

CHILDREN'S TIME *(Children can return to their seats.)*

SECOND READING

Acts 8:26-31

SERMON

“Us and Them”

Rev. Adam Rodgers

***HYMN**

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

No. 516

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (Eat the Bread as you are served; hold the Cup - we will take together).

Communion music

“Nocturn”

Chopin

Prayer

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 14

OFFERTORY

“Polonaise”

Chopin

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*In Unison*)

We give, gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who have guided our attempts to understand the scriptures. Your loving judgment has provided the pruning our lives require in order to bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry we need as we seek to abide together in Your love. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

No. 343

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

BENEDICTION

“Amen”

Anon.

POSTLUDE

“Polonaise”

Chopin

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***

WELCOME VISITORS! We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. To learn more about First Presbyterian Church of Warren, we invite you to pick up a Welcome Packet at one of the Sanctuary entrances.

FPC VISION: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education and service.

FPC'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS is <http://www.fpcwarren.org> – come visit us on the ‘Net! Our e-mail address is fpcwarren@hotmail.com.

HEARING DEVICES to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded this morning by **Nancy Hochadel**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on WHKZ-1440 AM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check. Our radio ministry costs approximately \$150.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **shampoo, bar soap, Kleenex and Ramen noodles** for the month of **February**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall. **The need for Kleenex is great due to a leak in the pantry that damaged our supply.**

IN SYMPATHY: Our sincere sympathy is extended to Martha Gougler, on the death of her brother, George Neumeister.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – With each New Year comes an opportunity to give of your talents. We are in need of Usher Captains and Greeters. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary if you can help. Contact A.T. with any questions.

SANCTUARY FLOWER CHART – The Sanctuary Flower Chart for 2018 has arrived and is in the Church Office. Please reserve your date or dates now for 2018. Remember, you are able to have flowers on the Chancel, the Columbarium doors or both.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, February 18, 2018**, immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving annual reports for the fiscal year 2017 and to conduct any other business that may properly come to the floor. Please exercise your ecclesiastical citizenship and plan to be present.

VISITING PASTOR: Please give a warm FPC welcome to Rev. Adam Rodgers, who is preaching and celebrating communion with us today while Rusty is away helping with a Presbytery duty.

FPC CRAFTERS will meet the first Wednesday of February to work on lap quilts. Join us for this fun ministry on February 7, at 10 am, in Badger Hall.

FIRST CHURCH KIDS – SECRET PALS: We are looking for FPC adults who would like to be secret pals for our K-5th grade classes. This year the program will run from the end of January to mid-May. We are starting the program later this year and hoping to focus more on communicating with the secret pal. The kids are very excited to start. Please see Sue Dennis, or call her at 330-392-4385.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Today, we will receive an offering for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This annual offering, given each year to coincide with the NFL Super Bowl, has raised many millions of dollars for hunger programs. This year the offering from our congregation will go to our own hunger programs: the free community lunch and the grocery give-away. Our regular monthly two-cents-a meal offering will be collected next Sunday.

STEEPLE PEOPLE: The next issue of the Steeple People will be included with the March SPIRE. Deadline for inclusion will be Monday, Feb. 19. Please email all info (including book titles and authors!) to Sue Kindelberger at SueAKind@aol.com or place the info in the Steeple People mailbox in the outer office. Think Spring!! Thank you!

THE FEBRUARY DEACON MISSION PROJECT will be the donation of used/new children's coats for next year's Christmas on the Square. The coat giveaway this year ran out after a half hour. Jackie said more coats are needed. Coats are on sale this time of year, so it is a good time to buy.

DON'T FORGET... Jigsaw puzzles are available in the special container in the Parlor. Take one; complete it; return it; borrow another. Enjoy!

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM OUR USHERS AND GREETERS

LAY READER:

Mary Chuirazzi

USHER CAPTAIN:

Rich Polenick

GREETERS:

Heidi Holk, Parry and Cathy Hesselman

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

Bill Kemp, Gary Wireman, Luke Heiligenberg

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Robert Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Feb. 4	Communion/Souper Bowl of Caring - Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Sunday School 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - B&G, Church Growth and Mission Meetings..... 11:15 am
Mon, Feb. 5	- Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - AA, MC..... 7:30 pm
Tue, Feb. 6	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am - Relay Meeting 6:00 pm - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Wed, Feb. 7	- Crafters, B..... 10:00 am - AA, MC 6:30 pm - Chimes..... 7:00 am - Bells 7:30 pm
Thur, Feb. 8	- Prayer Talk, FH 8:30 am
Fri. Feb. 9	- Church Office Closed at Noon
Sun, Feb. 11	- 2 Cents-A-Meal - Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Sunday School 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - InSPIREd Choirs 10:30 am - CE & Worship Meetings 11:15 am - Chili Cook-Off..... 11:15 am



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