



First Presbyterian Church

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

June 10, 2018

10:00am

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
We Baptize Charles Paul Erikson
We Ordain and Install New Officers**

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

Gathering Prayer:

O God, we know the beauty of this June day and we are grateful. We experience the warm stirring of summer and the fullness of bountiful earth, and we are grateful. We share the love of family and friends, and the family and friendship that is our church, and we are grateful.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we know the opportunity to bring new selves to this new day, that we might worship with our community in joy and thanksgiving, and be filled with the good news we would offer everyone. For all these things we are deeply grateful.

Prelude: "Make Me a Servant"

(Willard)

Call to Worship:

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us worship God.

***Opening Song of Praise:** "In Christ There Is no East or West"
(Prayer Concerns collected)

#439

AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the Lord.

Prayer of Confession:**Unison**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession**

Declaration of Forgiveness:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

***Gloria Patri:** "Gloria, Gloria"

#576

Hymn: "God Claims You" *Please sing, "Charlie, Charlie" for the name*

#2249

The Sacrament of Baptism**Presentation****The Lord's Prayer****The Baptism & Anointing****Presentation of Gifts****LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lessons:***1 Samuel 8:4-20*

⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said,

"Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ ...the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When Jesus' family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Sermon: "Uniting What Has Been Divided"

Rev. Leslie Latham

Hymn: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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Ordination and Installation of Officers

Presentation

Profession of Faith: The 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.

Laying on of Hands

Unison Prayer for Elders and Deacons

RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Invitation to the Offering

Let us continue to worship the Lord through our gifts of talents, tithes, and ourselves.

Offertory: "Open Our Eyes, Lord" (Cull)

***Doxology** #592

***Prayer of Dedication:** Unison

Eternal God, your son Jesus teaches us that a house divided cannot stand.

Together, we offer ourselves and our gifts, that they may be used to extend your grace to others for your glory, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

***Hymn of Sending:** "Sing Praise to God" #483

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "Jesus, What a Wonder You Are" (Bolton)

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP AIDS:

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers.

Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church

Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

1. Donna Blinston and family - recent passing of her sister, Beverly Henderson.
2. David Haines (friend of Mackintosh Barker) with pancreatic cancer
- 3.

Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:

Continuing Prayers: Alvin Marohn; Rick C.; Gail Schurr; Kathy Evans; Gerry Tyrrell; Father Michael Ubeler; Scott Greenawalt; Irving & Alice Hils; Joan Cantonese; Holly Mazurek; Marge Klinger; Betty Kolnacki; Ruth Gebera; Aron; Wilma Bender; Wally Frech; Rosemary Taber; Jack Greenawalt; Willie Day; Mike Crowell; Larry Rayner; Jackie Rexford; Michael Grant; Paul Rayner; Anthony Dragone; Adehlia Kowsky; Peggy Hess; Russ McClure; Mike Klinger; Bob Erisman; Kris Yettra ; and Judy Geerkin

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Lillian Manning; Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; J. Robert Weber; Ruth Weber; Richard Weber; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; and Sue Strasser

Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.

We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319

LITURGIST: Nathan Harrington

GREETERS: John Faux

USHERS: Team 1

STEPHEN MINISTERS: are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

REMINDER: Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

The flowers on the Communion Table are to the Glory of God and in memory of William "Bill" Loeswick's birthday (6-12-1913), given by your loving family that misses you everyday.

Music 4 Meals Concert: Tonight at 6:00pm at First Pres Church. Come and listen to local church choirs and musicians and support the N. Tonawanda Inter-Faith Food Pantry and Good Shepherd Food Pantry.

Pet Blessings at Dog Days of Kenmore- Today: I know lots of you adore your furbies, and perhaps you have attended Dog Days of Kenmore at Mang Park. The Ken-Ton Clergy Association is offering pet blessings from noon to 3. Pastor Leslie Latham will be there from 12:30-1, blessing your sweet pups. It looks like a great shindig for dogs! More information: <http://www.villageofkenmore.com/dog-days-of-kenmore>

Service of Blessing and Healing: June 20 @ 6:30pm First Presbyterian Church 149 Broad Street, Tonawanda, will hold an evening service devoted to healing and wholeness, which will include communion. This is a "come as you are" service, open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness for their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Officer Training: Monday, June 11 from 6pm-8pm. This is for all members of the Board of Deacons and Session both presently serving and incoming. Any questions, please contact Pastor Leslie.

Memory Lane Respite Program: Volunteers Needed - Our church is going to offer a respite program for family caregivers of people with memory impairment (dementia, Alzheimer's) to get a much needed break. Our program will run once a month, (the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:30am-2:30pm beginning Aug 21) and we are looking for dedicated volunteers to help out in various ways: 1 on 1 companion for guests, setup/clean up, crafts, food preparation, food serving, games, music, making phone calls, etc. You do not have to volunteer every month; we will have sign-up sheets. There will be a 3-hour required training done at church by the Alzheimer's Association on **June 28 from 10am-1pm**. More information is on the table in the Narthex and any questions can be directed to the respite care team: Kathy Greenawalt, Coordinator; Marilee Mathias; Janet Haacker; Judy Winters or Pastor Leslie Latham. Why not consider helping out with this exciting ministry?

Circle II "Bag Sale": Saturday, June 23 from 10am-12pm. Come and shop and fill a bag for only \$2.00!

June 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 Worship 10a - Installation and Ordination of Officers - Baptism of Charles Paul Erikson Mixed Concert Choir Rehearsal 4:30p Music for Meals Concert @ 1 st Pres Church at 6p	11 AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p Officer Training 6p-8p	12	13 Circle II 9a	14 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p	15 UFO 7P	16
17 Worship 10a Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) "Happy Father's Day"	18 AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p Session 7p	19	20 Circle II 9a Healing Service 6:30p	21 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p	22 UFO 7P	23 Circle II Bag Sale 10a-12p
24 Worship 10a Classical Sunday	25 AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	26	27 Circle II 9a	28 Memory Care Respite Training 10a-1p AA 9a Yoga 6:30p	29 UFO 7P	30