

PEACEMAKERS WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS THEIRS IS KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IN SPIRIT THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN MEEK THE EARTH HUNGER
BLESSED ARE...
DOOR MOURN COMFORTED THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEY WILL BE
MERCIFUL WILL BE SHOWN PURE HEART THEY WILL SEED FILLED
MERCY PURE HEART THEY WILL SEED FILLED

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

January 29, 2017

11:00am

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

Gathering Prayer:

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love, and peace made real for me this day. Open my eyes to the way of love that I may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

As the acolyte lights the Christ Candle, take a moment to pray for people or groups who stand in special need of God's love.

Prelude: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

(Kirkpatrick)

Call to Worship:

Come, all who are poor in spirit, you who mourn, and all who are meek;

Come, you who hunger and thirst for righteousness;

Come, you who would be merciful, and you who are pure in heart;

Come, you peacemakers.

Let us come together—the weak, the simple, the powerless and the foolish;

Let us confess Jesus Christ as the source of our lives. Let us worship the God of every blessing!

***Opening Hymn of Praise:** "This Little Light of Mine"

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Hearts 4 Worship

(Ushers receive prayer concern slips)

AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

***Call to Confession:**

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Unison

Gracious God, have mercy on us. Jesus shows us how to be meek, but we are arrogant. Jesus comforts the afflicted, and we blame people for their own problems, or insist that we can solve our own problems without asking anyone else for help. Teach us to be interdependent.

****Time of Silent Prayer******Declaration of Forgiveness:**

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace. Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace:**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

***Gloria Patri: "Glory Be to the Father"**

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***Our Faithful Response: "Softly and Tenderly"**

Red Hymnal # 432

Time with Young Disciples**Anthem: "Redemption Song"**

(Byrd, Hart, McKelvey)

Hearts 4 Worship**LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lessons:*****Micah 6:1-8***

6 Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring

foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 5:1-12

5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: **3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. **8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon:

The Rev. Leslie Latham

RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

***Affirmation 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.

***Hymn of Response:** “Two Fisherman”

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Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Invitation to the Offering:

With what shall we come before the Lord this day? We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing Christ's love. Let us walk in humble gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that God freely shares with us, gifts for the healing of the world.

Offertory: "Shades of Dawn"

(Strack)

***Praising God's Goodness:**

Doxology # 592

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Unison

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

***Hymn of Sending:** "O for a World"

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***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "Be Thou My Vision"

(arr. Berry)

* 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 Kathy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

1. Family and friends in the death of Tom Dugan’s brother, Jim
2. Family and friends in the death of Leslie Dugan’s brother, Gary
3. Tom Dugan's niece Annelise, home from hospital
4. Continued prayers for Phyllis Brown
5. Family and friends in the death of Billy Welch’s aunt, Valerie

Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week: Sue Strasser – health issues ~ please send cards, notes and prayers;

Continuing Prayers: Sid Tyrrell; Irving & Alice Hils; Holly Mazurek; Marge Klinger; Betty Kolnacki; Judy Geerkin; Ruth Gebera; Aron; Wilma Bender; Wally Frech; Rosemary Taber; Jack Greenawalt; Willie Day; Sue Klein; Mike Crowell; Larry Rayner; Jackie Rexford; Gail Schurr; Michael Grant; Paul Rayner; Sid Tyrrell; Anthony Dragone; Adehlia Kowsky; Leola Mitchell; Peggy Hess; Russ McClure; Mike Klinger; Bob Erisman

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Lillian Manning; Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Lee Mitchell; Doris Carlson; J. Robert Weber; Ann Thorpe; Ruth Weber; Joan Loeswick; Phyllis Brown

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 Kathy in the church office @ 692-1319

LITURGIST: Sue Schurr

GREETER:

USHERS: Mary Ferro, Tom Dugan, Leslie Dugan, John Faux

COFFEE HOUR: Kathy Greenawalt and Marilee Mathias

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 Kathy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

Year End Reports

All church groups, ministry teams and deacons need to complete a Year-end report and turn it into Kathy Nolan by January 29, 2017. Thank you!

Youth Spaghetti Supper

Today after worship; the cost is \$7.00 per person.

Central Branch Meeting

Moving forward on a Presbytery-wide Mission focus; Monday, January 30, 6 - 8 pm
Kenmore Presbyterian Church 2771 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY 14217; Meal is provided; RSVP to leslie@firstprestona.org.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Youth will be collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring following Church on 2/5/2017. Bring a can of soup or cash donation. Contributions will be given to food pantry.

You are invited to a Chili Cook Off and Putt Putt Contest

At First Presbyterian Tonawanda NY on February 12th at 12:15pm; Enter your favorite pot of Chili in the contest or pay \$5 and sample as many as you like. (kids under age 10 are free); Bring your putters and test your skills on our indoor putt putt course set up throughout the building No putter? No problem! We'll have extras! RSVP to Diane Charsley by 2/10/2017 at 716-481-9730 or decharsley@roadrunner.com or sign up in the Narthex.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 H4W 9a Sunday school 9:30a Soloist 10:30a Worship 11a Youth spaghetti Year-end reports due	30 A.A. 9a-11a TOPS 6:30p Girl scouts 6-7:30p Central branch mtg. Kenmore 6-8p	31 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p	Notes:			

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Girl scout leader 7:30-9p Circle II 9:30a Hebrew scripture class 7-8:15p	2 A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p Worship mtg. 6p H4W 6:30p planning Choir 7:30p	3 UFO 7p	4
5 Sunday school 9:30a Choir 10:30a Worship / Communion 11a Souper bowl of caring	6 A.A. 9a-11a TOPS 6:30p Girl scouts 6-7:30p	7 Leslie Fredonia Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Deacons 7p	8 Leslie returns Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Circle II 9:30a Hebrew scripture class 7-8:15p	9 A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	10 UFO 7p	11
12 H4W 9a Sunday school 9:30a Youth leading Worship 11a Chili and mini golf 12:15p	13 A.A. 9a-11a TOPS 6:30p Girl scouts 6-7:30p	14 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p CE 7p	15 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Circle II 9:30a Healing service 6:30p Hebrew scripture class 7-8:15p	16 A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p cake night	17 UFO 7p	18
19 H4W 9a Sunday school 9:30a Worship 11a	20 office closed A.A. 9a-11a TOPS 6:30p Girl scouts 6-7:30p	21 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p	22 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Circle II 9:30a Hebrew scripture class 7-8:15p	23 A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p H4W 6:30p Bell ensemble 7p Choir & H4W 7:30p	24 UFO 7p	25