



# *First Presbyterian Church*

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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

October 29, 2017

11:00am

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
We Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

## DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

### Welcome and Greeting

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

### Gathering Prayer:

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth in one peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. *Book of Common Prayer*

### Prelude: "For All the Saints"

(Wilson)

### Call to Worship:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

**And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith. Amen. Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

#430

(Ushers receive prayer concern requests)

## AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

### \*Call to Confession:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**\*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 hoy name. Amen.**

*\*Time of Silent Prayer*

**\*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.**

**\*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"

#579

**\*Our Faithful Response:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#260

**Time With Young Disciples**

*(Hearts And Hands for children up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade)*

**Anthem:** "Fortress Medley"  
*(The Choir)*

(arr. Hicks)

**LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lessons:**

*Romans 3:19-31*

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. <sup>31</sup> Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

### ***Matthew 22:34-46***

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> ‘The Lord said to my Lord,’ <sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

**Sermon: “The Law for Love”**

**The Rev. Leslie Latham**

## **RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 1*

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**\*Hymn of Response:** "I Danced in the Morning" #302

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Liturgy for the Communion of Saints**

...and through the saints of every age you extended, reformed and diversified the household of faith.

**We who inherit their work today and reap from what others have sown, bless you for all our mothers and fathers in God. Like them, may we so love and serve your kingdom that generations yet unborn may benefit from our witness; and, when the grace of life on earth shall end, find for us a place in the company of heaven for your love's sake. Amen.**

*Ephesians 4:2-4*

### **Reading of the Necrology**

**Sung Response** "Live in Charity" #2179

### **Prayer for the Saints**

#### **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:**

Trusting in God's providence, we share not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. God's tithes and our offerings will now be received.

**Offertory:** "Faith of Our Fathers" (Hegarty)

**\*Praising God's Goodness:** Doxology # 592

**\*Prayer of Dedication:** Unison  
**Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of your Spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Through Christ, our shield and our stronghold. Amen.**

### **ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn of Sending:** "For All the Saints" #526

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** "Christ, the Cornerstone" (Price)

\* 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. Father Mike Ubeler – was declared cancer free
2. Alice Hils – surgery on Monday 10/30
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**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** Mia Foley (broken arm); and Lori (surgery on Thursday).

**Continuing Prayers:** Father Michael Ubel; Bill Carney; Scott Greenawalt; Sid Tyrrell; Irving & Alice Hils; 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; Gail Schurr; Michael Grant; Paul Rayner; 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

*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:** Pat Loeswick

**GREETERS:** Marlene Tyrrell

**USHERS:** David Holovics, Brian Burns, Diane Charsley, Alvin Marohn, Laura Marohn

**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.

**Reformation Concert and Reception: TODAY** Join us for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Reformation Celebration” Concert here at 3:00pm with a Reception to follow! Please come and bring friends and family!

**Circle II Happy Holiday Sale:** Wednesday, Nov 1 from 10am-1:30pm. Lunch served from 11am-1pm featuring Chicken and Biscuits, fresh baked pies, coffee, tea or punch for \$6.00. Shop the Mini-Boutique and Thrift Shop for the upcoming holidays.

**Church Women United 2017 World Community Day:** Kindling New Fires For Peace – Nov 3 at 1:00pm. 3<sup>rd</sup> Presbyterian Church, 110 Felton Street, N. Tonawanda.

**Adopt-A-Highway:** The final Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for this year will be on November 4. We will meet at the Hebel front parking lot at 8am (on Military Road across from Mt. Olivet Cemetery). We need to clean up the candy wrappers from Halloween!

**Journey Around The Advent Wreath:** Saturday, November 4 from 9:30am-11:30am. Learn all about Advent: crafts, songs, all ages welcome - \$5.00/person. North Presbyterian Church, 300 North Forest Road, Williamsville. Questions: 631-0979

**Youth Chowder Sale:** Sunday, Nov 5 right after church. Cost will be \$5.00 for all you can eat in or \$5.00 a quart to take home. Chowder prep will take place at 6:30pm on Saturday, Nov 4 at the church.

## October 2017

<b>29</b> Sunday School 9:30a Choir 10:30a Worship 11a Bell Ensemble 12:30 Bell Quartet 12:50p FHB 1:10p H4W 1:30p H4W & Choir 1:50p Choir 2:15p 500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reformation Concert & Reception 3p	<b>30</b> A.A. 9a-11a Girl Scouts 6-7:30p TOPS 6:30p	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes: TODAY – 3PM</b>  <b>500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reformation Celebration Concert</b>  <b>Featuring All Of Our Talented Musical Groups With Reception to Follow</b>
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## November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> All Saint's Day Happy Holiday Sale 10a-1:30p  Girl Scouts Leader Mtg 8p	<b>2</b> A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p Worship Team 2:30p H4W Mtg 6p Choir 7:30p	<b>3</b> UFO 7p	<b>4</b> Chowder Prep 6:30p  Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup 8a  Advent Workshop 9:30-11:30
<b>5</b> Sunday School 9:30a Choir 10:30a Worship/Communion 11a Youth Chowder Sale 12:15p	<b>6</b> A.A. 9a-11a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>7</b>  Deacons 1p  Adult Bible Study 7p	<b>8</b> Circle II 9:30a	<b>9</b> A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p  H4W 6p Choir 7:30p	<b>10</b> UFO 7p	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> H4W 9a warm-up Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a	<b>13</b> A.A. 9a-11a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>14</b>  Adult Bible Study 7p	<b>15</b> Circle II 9:30a  Healing Service 6:30p	<b>16</b> A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p H4W 6p Choir 7:30p	<b>17</b> UFO 7p	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a FHB 12:30p	<b>20</b> A.A. 9a-11a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p Session 7p	<b>21</b>  Adult Bible Study 7p	<b>22</b> Circle II 9:30a	<b>23</b> THANKSGIVING Office Closed Youth deliver dinners to shut-ins 9am	<b>24</b> Office Closed  UFO 7p	<b>25</b>
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