

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 29, 2012 · 10:00 AM

*Large print hymnals and wireless hearing aids are available; ask an usher.
(* Those who are able please stand · Members, please wear your name tag*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP *paraphrase of Psalm 1*

Leader: Happy are those who shun the advice of the wicked,

People: Who avoid the path of self-centered living,

Leader: Who do not belittle what is good,

People: But who delight in the Law of the Lord.

Leader: They are like trees growing by the water.

**People: They bear good fruit,
and their leaves to not wither.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the righteous,

All: But the way of the wicked will perish.

*HYMN "As Morning Dawns" 161

*CONFESSION OF SIN Leader: Muffy Engelbert

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Loving God, you have called us to be one, to live in unity. Yet we are divided: race from race, faith from faith, rich from poor, old from young, neighbor from neighbor.

O Lord, by whose cross all enmity is brought to an end: break down the walls that separate us, tear down fences of hatred and indifference; forgive us the sins that divide us, free us from pride and self-seeking, overcome our prejudices and fears; give us courage to open ourselves to others; by the power of your Spirit, make us one.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Glory Be to the Father" 579

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPELREADING

"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

Mark 1:21-28

OT Bible Page 27

ANTHEM

"Glory to God"

Telemann

NEW TESTAMENT READING

"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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CHILDREN'S TALK

Pastor Sam

*HYMN

"Though I May Speak"

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SERMON

The Medium Is the Message

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

(Page 14 of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Song of Praise 592

Invitation

Offertory Music "Creation Will Be at Peace" A.L. Page

Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir, Tom McGibbon, Director

Prayer of Dedication

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" 488

*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Pastor: God is good **People: All the time!**

POSTLUDE "God of Grace and God of Glory" Dobrinski

Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir

Our Mission Statement: The First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love.

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care is available during our Services. The room is located on the first floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional **Quiet Room** for parents with small children.

Welcome Visitors to this branch of the family of God. Please leave us your contact information on the pink card that you will find in the pew rack. We pray that you feel at home here and find guidance and strength for your daily life. We invite you to make this church your home. Please share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Ushers today are led by Armen Roubian. Feb 05: D Scaccia

Worship Recorder is T McGibbon. Feb 05 J Fish

Greeters: Sally Hinman, Dorothy Houseman. Feb 05: Barb Steagall, Vi Head, Brian Burke

Acolyte is Brenden Hatzinger Feb 05: Maryrose Scaccia

Deacon Ramp Duty is Ginger Passalacqua. Jan 29 is B Foote

After Church Coffee Break is in our Dining Hall in conjunction with our Annual Meeting. Volunteers always needed; please sign up to help on the list in the parlor hallway. Feb 05: Gail Tucker

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Samantha, Joe, Quinn, Zooey & Dea Dlugolecki, Sam Haynes, Mel & Roberta Bert, Dave, Carrie, Megan, Michael & Maryrose Scaccia & The Personnel Committee, Presbytery of Utica

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS LOCATION

Beverage Break 11:00–11:15am · Church School 11:15–12:15pm

(Nursery Available on the First Floor – Room 107)

Multi-Age Group..... Room 205

Grades 4 – 7..... Room 202

Grades 8 to Adult..... Annual Meeting

Grade 8 to Adult: Please attend today's Annual Meeting in our Dining Hall following worship. All are invited to attend the potluck luncheon after reviewing the 211th Report

Per Capita 2012: \$34 / 2011: \$32.50

Salvation Army Coat Drive: Through February

Please ensure the doors are tightly shut behind you when entering and exiting our buildings

There's a Deacon at our parking lot ramp ½ hr before worship to assist anyone; allowing you to drop someone at the ramp and leave them in the care of a Deacon while you park your car.

Rides Needed for Joanna: To and from Sunday Worship in Jan&Feb; pick up 9:00-9:30 (including wheelchair); return to Stonehedge following Coffee Break. Her lunch is 12:15. Please consider volunteering for one "leg" of the transport. Contact Cynthia at 339-0785 and many thanks from Joanna too!!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today .. 10:00 am .. Worship Service begins
11:00 am .. Coffee Break/Annual Meeting
Potluck at conclusion of Mtg
11:15 am .. Church School
Noon .. Children & Youth Choir rehearses
4:00 pm .. JOY Supper Club meets

Tues..... 10:00 am .. Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:00 pm .. Rescue Mission cook – *Sel captain*
4:00 pm .. Serenity meets for trip to SticksNStones
5:00 pm .. Wendy's to support Zak's baseball team
7:00 pm .. Serenity Circle

Wed..... 4:20 pm .. Rescue Mission serve
6:30 pm .. Bell Choir rehearses
7:30 pm .. Senior Choir rehearses

Thurs ... 10:00 am .. Crafty Ladies
3:00 pm .. Bible Study in library
7:00 pm .. Session meets

NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
“A Non-Partisan Gospel”
Holy Communion, Fair Trade Sales
Sacred Dance rehearsals resumes

Youth Sunday: Feb. 12th - JOY Youth will prepare, participate, and lead worship on this Sunday

Sacred Dance resumes on Feb. 5th at 12:15pm. They plan to dance for worship on Heritage Sunday

UPCOMING CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Diana O'Meara and Guest Speakers - Sundays Feb 05, 12, 19

We will discover the power of prayer in many forms as well as learn about types of prayer. Join us as we deepen our prayer lives and experience prayer in a whole new way!

Video Course with Liz - “The Parables”: February 5, 12, & 19

We will investigate *The Parables of Jesus*. Join us as we look at the familiar stories and hear artists, actors, Biblical scholars, and others offer insight and interpretation.

Coming Soon - JOY's Waffle Breakfast on Sunday, Feb19

Niagara Chocolate Sales to support the Nursery School – order forms in parlor & hallways

Next Meeting Fellowship Committee: Feb 2 at 5pm in parlor

Children's Choir and Youth Choir meet after Church School in the upstairs Choir Room at Noon through Feb 05. This combined group present songs in worship on the 12th.

Serenity Circle: This Tuesday at 4pm, Serenity Circle, and all interested, will meet in the church parking lot to carpool to Sticks N' Stones in Waterville. Jewelry and stone pieces are created with the Ten Word Mantra of: "Peace, Love, Happiness, Joy, Gratitude, Abundance, Health, Wealth, Prosperity and Harmony". Dinner follows along the way home.

Rescue Mission Cooking: We continue to provide meals for the Rescue Mission on the 1st 2 Wednesdays of the month. We are looking for additional help with this project.

We currently have 4 “captains” and would would like to find one more. Captains decide the menu, shop, set cooking time, lineup cooks, and submit receipts to the Church Office for reimbursement.

Please consider helping with the important project. You can sign up in the hallway outside the Parlor or call Liz at any time (339-0972).

Remember February is Black History Month! We have a wealth of resources among us! If you or a group you know of is looking for information, books, or speakers, check out our Church Library and reach out to members of our Church Family who are experts in this area! Our own Jessie Thorpe has her own publication in our library. Be sure to check out this informative book at your leisure.

Please support Zak Taylor, son of Mik & Kevin, and his 12U travel baseball team(the Rome River Rats) as they travel to the Albany area and Cooperstown Dream Park by eating at Wendy's on Tuesday, Jan 31st and Tuesday, Feb 28th. Wendy's will donate 10% of the proceeds from both dine-in and drive-thru on those nights from 5-8pm. Zak, his team, coaches, and his parents thank you for helping!



Knowledge puffs up,
but love builds up
1 Corinthians 8:1b

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