

January 21, 2018



11:00 a.m.

*Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged,
diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

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

Prelude *"The King Shall Come"* *setting by Charles W. Ore*

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Sue Collier
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others in your row, and then return it to the center aisle.

Call to Worship Carol Ott Schacht

One: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

All: *God's love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.*

One: We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by God in Christ.

All: *Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.*

One: Let us praise this God of endless grace, and offer our hearts' true worship.

****Hymn #375** *"Shall We Gather at the River"* HANSON PLACE

Call to Reconciliation

Silent Prayer

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.

*We praise God through worship
We live our beliefs through mission*

*We strengthen faith through study
We nurture a diverse community*

Prayer of Confession

Lord, Christ has been born for us! Weeks after the celebration we sometimes forget that gift. You offer us the Prince of Peace. You ask us to work for peace in our relationships with each other, yet we have failed in that task. Instead of coming together in love and understanding, we sometimes divide ourselves by our words and actions. Our Christian community is not always "Christian," nor is it always a community that would bring you honor. Forgive us, and help us to live the peace that only you can make possible. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. If we come in true repentance, seeking forgiveness, then Christ will show mercy to us, and give us a fresh start.

Friends, let us proclaim the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**The Peace

One: Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

**Song of Joy

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

Children's Time

Jennifer Koolen

Prayer For Illumination

First Scripture Reading Acts 14:19-23 (NT pg. 134)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading Nehemiah 4:1-23 (OT pg. 433-434)

Sermon

Dealing with Criticism

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

**Hymn #379

"We Shall Overcome"

WE SHALL OVERCOME

Prayers of the People & 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.

The Offering

Please place the top sheet of the friendship pad in the offering plate.
Text **MissionPossible** to 73256 to give by text

Offertory

"May Your Life Be Filled With Gladness"
Chancel Choir

Roy Hopp

*May your life be filled with gladness which will grace you all your days,
And transfigure hurts and troubles into daily psalms of praise.*

*May your life be filled with passion, where delight and sorrow fuse,
Teaching you to find, when suffering, gifts of joy you cannot lose.*

*May your life be filled with wonder at the whole world God has made;
And, although your sight may falter, may your vision never fade.*

*May your life be filled with beauty, from which angel light reflects,
And be waiting in excitement, for what God will teach you next.*

*May your life be filled with Jesus, and his love to all proclaim,
Until every thought and action offer glory to God's name! Amen.*

****Hymn of Dedication** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

****Hymn #378**

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

MERLE'S TUNE

****Charge and Benediction**

One: ...and I know you will, for you are...

All: The Salt of the Earth

One: You are...

All: The Light of the World

One: You are ...

All: The People of God

One: And God goes with you.

Choral Benediction

“May the Lord Bless and Keep You”

Brian Pfofner

*May the Lord bless and keep you, may the Lord shine upon you,
May the Lord give you peace as you go on your way. Amen.*

Postlude

“Swiss Noel”

setting by Louis-Claude Daquin

(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly)

*The flowers were provided by Jean McBride and are given to the glory of God in
loving memory of my mother*

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*Following the service you are invited to the East
Entrance for coffee and refreshments where we'll
be celebrating LuEtta Anderson's 90th birthday.
Happy Birthday LuEtta!*