

# First Presbyterian Church

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March 12, 2017 11:00AM  
Rev. Ryan Kersting-Schlimgen, Pastor

\*Please stand if you are able,  
**Spoken/sung together**

LB: Light Blue Hymnal  
DB: Dark Blue Hymnal

We gather

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Here in this Place, God's light shines on us all;  
**PEOPLE: Now the darkness has gone away!**  
LEADER: Gather and hold us forever, O God.  
**PEOPLE: Gather us and make us your own.**  
LEADER: Gather us in, all of us together with you.  
**ALL: Let us Praise and worship the Lord!**

\*HYMN #485 DB "To God Be the Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of Compassion, We find ourselves lost. We have been led astray by the pleasures of the world, squandering your gifts. We have believed our losses to be greater than those of our neighbors, and not given proper concern to their troubles. We have been selfish -- concerned only with that which benefits ourselves. Forgive us for our wayward actions. Open our eyes, O God, and let us see the glory of your kingdom, with promises that are eternal. Let us see the pain in our neighbors' sufferings, and call us to support them in their times of need.**

*Moment for Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 4:5*

*But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.*

LEADER: Sisters and Brothers, Believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ...

**ALL: WE ARE FORGIVEN!**

LEADER: Let us praise God...

\*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 with out end. Amen. Amen.***

We listen for God's word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17

LEADER: The Word of the Lord...

**ALL: ...Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

SERMON "Secret Disciple"

\*HYMN #234 DB "I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

We respond to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who is in Heaven, hallowed is your name. Your Kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above the Heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LEADER: Blessed are you, God of all creation;  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

PEOPLE: **Blessed be God forever.**

We follow the Word out into the world

\*HYMN #446 DB “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**PRAYER LIST:** Lily Grace Yaun, Thomas & Jean Dittmar, Brenda & Erin Madsen, Pam & Andrew Bossert, John & Nancy Johnston, Emmagene Travis, Mrs. Teller, Judi Sells, Bob & Barbara Burns, Peggy Friedman, Jodi Ross, Shawn, & Roberta, Margaret Goetz, Linda Argentati, Nancy Yaun, Janet LeRoy, Gladys Zweck, Rad Yaun, Marie Bagley, Diane Fredrick, Johanna, Doug, & Calvert Yaun, Eloise McLean, Al Cozine, Claudett Cole, Erin, John, Ta-Shuana's grandfather, Jack Thompson, Gene & Etta Barbanti, Eileen Johnson, Cindy, Paulo Fonseca, Jr. Padilla, Jackie Horner, Susan Hamlin, Gloria Cox, Gene Huebsch, Josephine and Aaron Rosario, Glen and Barbara Thompson, Scott Maloney and family, Laura and Barbie: College: Brandon Bobik, Jack Beimler, Ta-Shuana, & Unspoken Requests.

**BEATITUDES BIBLE STUDY:** Our Beatitudes Bible study will continue this Wednesday, March 15, 2017; at 12:30 and 6pm.

**SESSION MEETING:** The session will have a regularly scheduled meeting this Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7pm.

**ELDER AND DEACON TRAINING:** Elders and Deacons will have leadership training at the Jeffersonville Presbyterian Church March 25, 2017 from 9am-1pm.

**FISH AND CHIPS:** Our next fish and chips dinner will be held on March 30. Please continue to get the word out so we can make this another successful fundraising event. Tickets are available now, \$13.50.