

**First Presbyterian Church  
of Ithaca, Michigan**

*Blessed are the pure in heart...*



*... for they will see God.*

**Sunday, June 16, 2019  
10:30am**



**\*Hymn #138 (blue)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

**Call to Confession**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Sung Response**

*God is So Good*

***God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, he's so good to me.  
(repeat)***

**Assurance of Pardon**

God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*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.***

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.*

**\*Sung Response**                      *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!***

***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Message**

**Prayer of Illumination (unison)**

**Overwhelm us with Your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will  
speak to our hearts as Your Word, made known to us in Christ the  
Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 24:1-6

**Sermon**

Pastor Christina

**\*Hymn #132 (blue)**    *Come, Great God of All the Ages*

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### Prayers of the People

Holy, triune God, have mercy on us.

### 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 glory, forever. Amen.

### Sung Response

*Be Still and Know*

*Be still and know that I am God.*

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### Morning Offering

### Offertory

### \*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Litany for Father's Day

Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

**For some of us, our father's love is like God's love—  
too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.**

Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

**For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces  
our fathers left behind.**

All of us are shaped by the relationship  
or lack of relationship with our fathers.

**On this day when we remember**

**what it means to have a father or be a father,**

**we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities.**

**We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture**

**the fathers and the fatherless among us, so that all will manifest  
the love of God in everything they do. Amen**

\*Hymn #139 (blue)      *Come, Thou Almighty King*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

## **Today's Scripture Reading**

### **Psalm 24:1-6**

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,  
the world and its inhabitants too.

Because God is the one who established it on the seas;  
God set it firmly on the waters.

Who can ascend the Lord's mountain?

Who can stand in his holy sanctuary?

Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart;  
the one who hasn't made false promises,  
the one who hasn't sworn dishonestly.

That kind of person receives blessings from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God who saves.

And that's how things are  
with the generation that seeks him—  
that seeks the face of Jacob's God.

**Prayer List:**

*Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.*

**Concerns:**

Kathy Francis; Vickie Jackson; Bonnie Smith; Garret Miniard; Jim Elliott; Barb Elliott; Lois Palmer; Al Bartholomew; Tina Castillo and her mom, Gayle; Jan Felton; The Rev. George Gillette; Mackenzie Brown; Susie Page; Pat MacDonald; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country; Travelling mercies;

**Thanksgivings:**

Miracles and healing mercies granted; Three expected grand-babies in the church family this year; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

**Continuing Prayers:**

John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Randy Jenison; Christina Latoski & family; Barb Pharr; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith, David Thum; Shelley Zamarron & family

*If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.*

## **Happening this Week:**

- Women's Breakfast – Monday, 9:00am – Hearthstone Oven
- Finance Team – Tuesday, 6:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Session – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- Ginny Williams Memorial – Saturday, 11:00am – Smith Funeral Hm.
- Movies on the Wall – Saturday, dusk – Parking Lot

## **Service Volunteers – June 23, 2019:**

- Karen Emery, Liturgist
- Chuck & Karen Emery, Greeters
- Chuck & Karen Emery, Ushers
- Nester Family, Coffee Hour
- Joy Heinlein & Dale Nester, Counters

## **By the Numbers – June 9, 2019**

Attendance: 41 – Offering: \$2,061

## **A Quilted Communion Cloth to Celebrate our Sesquicentennial**

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of our congregation, we would like to create an "Old Rugged Cross" quilted banner. We would like each member to check their "rag bag" or the back of their closet for a piece of discarded cloth. Color and size do not matter - every color is accepted, and every piece can be made to fit – just know you won't be getting it back. There is a wicker hamper in the fireplace room, near the fireplace, to receive your donation. **We would like to collect all donations by July 31, 2019**, so that we will have time to weave and complete the quilt by our 150th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, on February 16, 2020.

When you place your donation in the basket, it would be helpful if you would please write the names of the donors on the clipboard near the basket. If you have any questions, please see Sandy Parr.

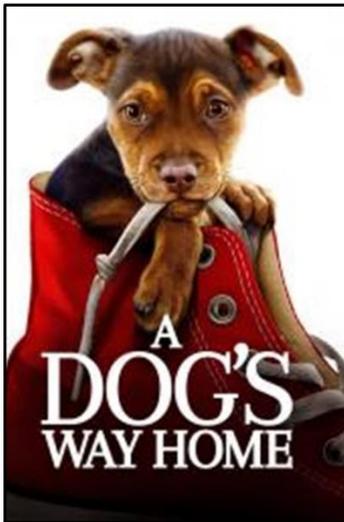
## Looking for Pictures and Memories

With our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on the horizon, we are looking for any pictures, mementos, or other memories you might have of our church's history. The history book that was written a few years ago is a lovely place to read about our history, but we are looking for pictures. Were you married at our church? Did you have a child baptized here? Did you attend as a child? Please bring your photos of the church – or church activities – to the church office with your name clearly marked on them. We will scan them in and get the originals back to you. We can't make our anniversary the best without everyone's help. For more info, see Pastor Christina.



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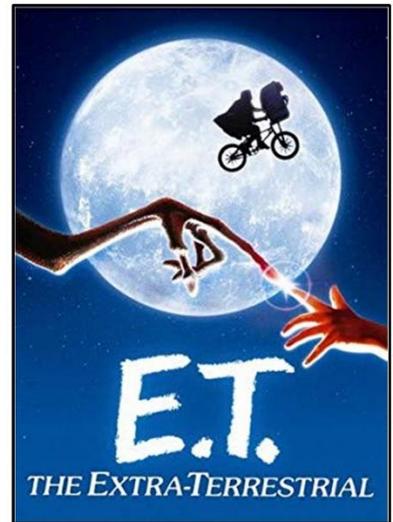
# Movies on the Wall 2019



June 22



July 20



August 17

All movies start at dusk.

Parking Lot - Ithaca First Presbyterian Church  
218 E Newark St. - Ithaca, Michigan

Bring your own chair  
Free Popcorn! Free Hot Dogs! Free Drinks!

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**Leading Worship Today:**

The Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Pastor  
Vickie Thum, Liturgist  
Bob Crist, Music Director  
Brad & Vickie Thum, Greeters  
Brad & Vickie Thum, Ushers  
Tom Heinlein & Art Faustmann, Counters

**Staff:**

The Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Pastor  
Bob Crist, Music Director  
Chris Shemes, Treasurer  
Shelley Zamarron, Custodian



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